

‘We’ll appeal’ warns quarry protest group

Firm’s failure to inform homes ‘grounds for objection’

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A residents’ group has threatened to appeal against a planning application for gravel extraction if the consultation period is not extended.

The Aldborough Hatch Defence Association (AHDA) is officially objecting to Brett Tarmac moving its quarry to Aldborough Hatch Farm, claiming not all neighbours had been sent warning letters.

Chairman Ron Jeffries told the *Recorder* that residents of Hainault Cottages, Hainault Road, Aldborough Hatch, had not been informed of the application by Redbridge Council’s planning department.

He said: “This is grounds for appeal should the application be approved. We have notified our ward councillors and MP and the planning department.”

ADHA submitted its objection to Brett Tarmac’s plans this week, following a public meeting last week.

The company wants to move its gravel extraction from Fairlop Plain to Aldborough Hatch Farm, Aldborough Road North, Aldbor-



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ough Hatch, near Grade II listed St Peter’s Church.

The residents’ group, which is running the campaign Enough is Enough, says the work could damage the church which is built without proper foundations.

Rev Kate Lovesey, of St Peter’s, said: “Any change in the water table puts the church, the chapel and many homes nearby at serious risk, a risk Redbridge Council would have to bear.”

Iford North MP Wes Streeting,

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who attended the meeting at St Peter’s in Aldborough Road North, said he did not want the move to go ahead.

Mr Streeting, also an Aldborough ward councillor, added it would have “a detrimental impact on residents in the area”.

Estates manager Simon Treacy had previously told the *Recorder* the water level would be monitored and adjusted to avoid damaging the church.

“We do not want anything to happen to St Peter’s – if it did we would be liable and have to repair it,” he added.

Redbridge Council had not replied to a request for a comment at the time of going to press.