

Enough is Enough!

No more sand and gravel quarrying in Aldborough Hatch!

What is this all about?

You may have spotted posters appearing in windows and gardens in Aldborough Hatch, and a banner on the front gates of St. Peter's Church – and wonder what all this is about!

The 'Enough is Enough' Campaign has been launched by the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association (AHDA) to raise awareness of the proposed sand and gravel extraction on Aldborough Hatch Farm – on the land opposite the Dick Turpin Restaurant and adjacent to St. Peter's Church and Community Halls, and homes in St. Peter's Close and Oaks Lane.

"*Enough is enough!*" is the view of a growing number of Aldborough Hatch residents on hearing that Brett Lafarge are about to make a planning application to Redbridge Council to extract sand and gravel near their homes.

For over 50 years residents have had to suffer dust and noise from gravel extraction, as the water table has changed and ponds dried up. The proposed sand and gravel workings are to come within 100 metres of the 151-year-old St. Peter's Church and the Chapel on Aldborough Hatch Farm – both Grade II Listed Buildings. There is very real concern that these buildings may suffer irreparable damage and the church authorities have been alerted to the dangers.

Bridleway 93 – running from Aldborough Road North to Barkingside Station – is to be closed for a minimum of two years with parts of it diverted. This Bridleway is used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders who work or shop in Barkingside, by students walking to Oaks Park High School and residents on their way to Sainsbury's at Newbury Park. Closing and diverting part of it will cause chaos and could be a personal safety/security issue for local residents using the Bridleway.

A roadway is to be built running from Bridleway 93, skirting Fairlop Waters and the Aldborough Hatch Equestrian Centre. Dust and dirt from open lorries carrying sand and gravel out and inert materials as infill will affect golfers, riders at the Equestrian Centre and schoolchildren from the William Torbitt School, walkers and cyclists who use the permissive footpath at the Centre to access the water and land activities at Fairlop Waters.

The AHDA is currently seeking the views of residents so that it can react accordingly once any planning application is submitted, and possibly before if the feedback the Association receives is strongly in any one direction.

What are *your* views? Please write to us at the address below to let us know or email us at viewpoint@theAHDA.org.uk

'Enough is Enough' posters are available from 37 Spearpoint Gardens, Aldborough Road North IG2 7SX (TEL: 020 8599 7250) or by email from posters@theAHDA.org.uk

The AHDA Website is at www.theAHDA.org.uk with background information and up-to-date news on the progress of the campaign

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