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## News Release

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### WORK STARTS ON PANSHANGER

#### COUNTRY PARK

Work will soon start on the first phase of development at Panshanger Park, Hertingfordbury, near Hertford.

The extraction of sand and gravel will start at the eastern end of the site and when the early stages of extraction have been completed the land will be restored to agriculture and woodlands, with part of the area used as the first phase of a new country park.

The Park's creation will involve the provision of improved access for vehicles, car parking, picnic sites and a new system of footpaths and bridleways, over which the public will have access. The first phase of the country park is expected to be fully open by 1989.

A Management Committee made up of representatives from Redland Aggregates Limited, Hertfordshire County Council and the Hertfordshire and Middlesex Trust for Nature Conservation is meeting every two months at present to oversee the scheme, and will continue to meet while the park is being developed and thereafter to ensure its continuous management.

Nearly 20,000 new trees have already been planted to help screen the gravel workings, dead trees are being cleared away and Broadwater Lake will be dredged during the winter to clear away an accumulation of silt.

Two rights of way in the park need to be diverted to enable gravel extraction to take place in line with the granting of planning permission by the Secretary of State in 1980. Applications for the diversions have been made to the Secretary of State for the Environment and details will be advertised in the press early this year.

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