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Dear Ms Sahlke,

Thank you for your letter dated 20th May 2022. I am writing in reference to planning application 6/2022/1106/FULL having inspected the plans and other documentation available on the Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council website.

I wish to object to the planning application on the following grounds:

- i) Loss of amenity
The window on the west elevation of the proposed house behind 4 Longcroft Green would cause loss of privacy and potential loss of light to the rear second floor rooms. The numerous doors and windows on the south-east elevation of the proposed apartment block behind 3 Longcroft Green would directly overlook number 3 and cause loss of privacy and loss of light. In addition, the 'wrap-around' shape of the proposed development and substantial height of the apartment block would cause an overbearing sense of enclosure within the existing houses.
- ii) Trees and shrubs
The Proposed Landscape Concept Plan states that there is an 'existing closeboard fence' along the entrance boundary to numbers 3 and 4 Longcroft Green; there is in fact no fence but rather a row of hedges and trees. In the absence of fences, the proposed removal of this foliage structure would expose the driveways and buildings of numbers 3 and 4 to the main road, causing significant loss of privacy. There is a proposal for the large, well-established trees behind the garden of 4 Longcroft Green to be removed, and no trees will be replaced in this area, thus causing unnecessary exposure of number 4 to the west elevation of the proposed house.
- iii) Building aesthetic
In addition to the predominating 3.5-storey height of the apartment block, the poor design of the proposed buildings is not in harmony with the character of numbers 3 and 4 Longcroft Green, nor with the adjacent houses on Stanborough Mews, which are composed of the same bricks, roof tiles and windows. Specifically, the vertical tile cladding, metal balcony structures and the irregularly shaped nature of the proposed buildings are the contrasting elements.
- iv) Noise and disturbance
Due to the location of the two proposed buildings, the noise of construction will surround 3 and 4 Longcroft Green for the duration of the project.

I thank you for your time and hope the concerns I have raised support the refusal of planning application 6/2022/1106/FULL.

Yours sincerely,
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