

Objection 1 - loss of green space

The proposed plan would lead to the loss of a large part of the existing open green space, currently much enjoyed by the local communities. This has not only proved invaluable during the lockdown imposed because of the coronavirus pandemic, but even before that it was a very much needed and used recreation and exercise space attracting people not only from the immediate surrounding areas (Salisbury Village and Hatfield Garden Village), but from further afield (e.g. rest of Hatfield, Welwyn Garden City and St Albans), thanks to its reachability through existing footpaths to and from these further locations linking to the area in question and surroundings.

Objection 2 - impact on local traffic

The roads leading to the proposed development (Coopers Green Lane and Albatross Way) and surrounding roads, are already subject to frequent congestion, due not only to local residential traffic, but also because of the heavy commercial traffic at all hours of the day and night to and from local businesses which are primarily focused on transport and deliveries (e.g. Ocado, Yodel, Parcelforce, Air Business, Arla/PCL, etc), especially during rush hour times, and every time there is extra congestion on the nearby stretch of the A1(M) motorway (e.g. in case of accidents), which sadly is not a rare occurrence. The addition of extra homes, and other amenities is only going to make the traffic situation worse.

We already see a lot of the local businesses encroaching on parking space in the surrounding areas, due to employees not having enough parking spaces in their local places of work, and the addition of extra traffic to and from the area can only worsen the situation.