

Comment for planning application 6/2021/0181/MAJ

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Location Former Shredded Wheat Factory Broadwater Road Welwyn Garden City AL7 1RR

Proposal Hybrid planning application comprising: Detailed Planning Application for 399 Private Rented Sector (PRS) dwellings and 153 dwellings (Class C3), 250 units of residential care accommodation for the elderly (Use Class C2) with associated communal facilities, 15,247m2 of community and commercial hub (Use Classes E and F1) with associated cycling hub, car parking, access, landscaping, public art and other supporting infrastructure; and Outline Planning Application for up to 418 dwellings (Class C3) with all matters reserved except access.

Case Officer Ms Clare Howe

Organisation

Type of Comment Objection

Type neighbour

Comments I have lived in Welwyn Garden City all my life and have seen its green places erode massively as it expands. I realise we need houses and I am quite pleased with the regeneration of brown field sites, of which this is one. But are we shoehorning too much in? A high rise is not aesthetically pleasing to the eye and brings absolutely nothing positive to a Garden City. Approving this high rise would be hugely detrimental to the environment that is Welwyn Garden City. I drive a lot for my job and often drive past the high rise blocks in Stevenage, Watford and Bedford to name just a few. My heart sinks when I see them and I feel so depressed. Then I imagine living in one. Great view from the top maybe, but imagine struggling with a baby/small child or being older and struggling with mobility or even with mental health and being stuck at the top. Fires are notoriously difficult to fight and medical emergency where standing or sitting in a lift could be hugely problematic/detrimental.

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