

# Statement of Community Involvement

Campus Park East

November 2022

Appendix: Pre-submission Public

Consultation



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### Appendix 1. Consultation Area

This area covered 5,786 addresses.

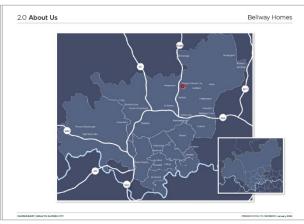
Residential (5,522) Business (264)



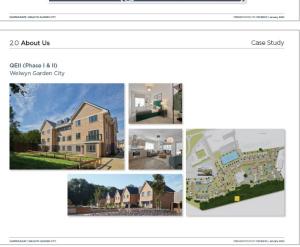
### Appendix 2. January 2022 Stakeholder Presentation













We are committed to delivering a high quality, inclusive development for the Campus East. Our proposals will:

Deliver your WGC 2120 Vision.

Create a quality environment with improved connectivity and an enhanced public realm.

Improve pedestrian, cycle and transport links.

Adopt WGC 2120 Building Code principles.

Provide a high quality residential buildings.







### Townscape Analyses

- Key Townscape Features

   Taller landmark buildings.
- Street trees and formal landscaping.
- Height differences & hierarchy of uses.

#### Strengths & Opportunities

- Strong townscape around formal grid.
- Extensive & legible green space.
- Strong hierarchy and legibility.

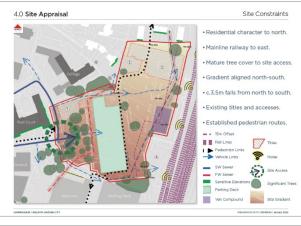
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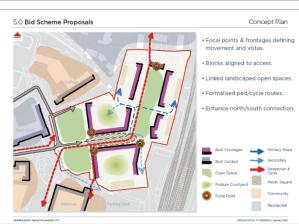
- Poor permeability north to south.
- Poor linkages from surrounding areas.
- Isolated and underused open spaces.

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### Site Layout

- 292 units.
- 219 Parking Spaces.
- Blocks A & B undercroft parking.
- Blocks A & B podium amenity.
- · Informal landscaped amenity.
- · Pedestrian priority/traffic calming.
- Pedestrian routes connect to wider masterplan improvements.



5.0 Bid Scheme Proposals

Site Layout

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Site Massing





Aligned with Strategic Planning Framework Indicative massing.

- Hierarchy to building heights.
- Heights step down towards low scale residential to north.
- View along College Way terminating on taller Block H.

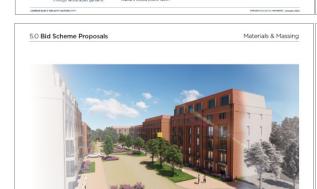




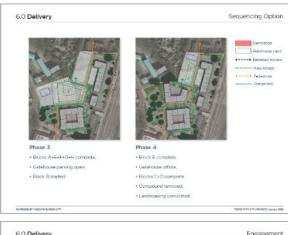


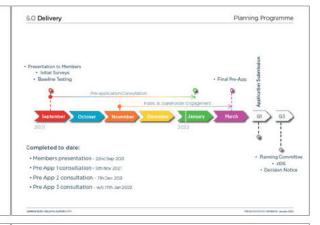
- Walking/running for leisure encouraged.
- Trees, wildflower, and amenity shrubs to improve air quality.
- Attractive and welcoming streetscape.
- Trees used as focal features and gateways.
- Materials to define sub spaces and
- reinforce concept.
- Coherent mix of materials to complement architectural finish.



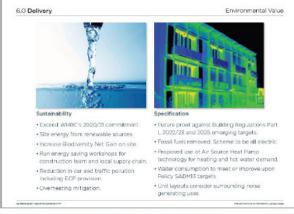














We welcome the opportunity of working with you to unlock the development potential of this exciting opportunity.



### Appendix 3. Stakeholder Letter



Bellway Homes Limited North London Bellway House Bury Street Ruislip Middlesex HA4 75D

21st February 2022

Dear Councillor,

Telephone 01895 671100 Fax 01895 671155

www.bellway.co.uk

### RE: Campus Park East - public consultation invitation

We are writing to invite you to a preview of our public consultation exercise in relation to our emerging proposals for the development of the Campus East car park, College Way, AL8, now being branded 'Campus Park East'. As you will be aware, the Council established that the existing Campus East car park should be brought forward as a new residential development. We will be presenting our emerging designs to the local community before we submit a planning application.

#### Preview Event:

12noon – 2pm Wednesday 2nd March Unit 49 (next to H&M upstairs), Howard Centre.

The public exhibitions will take place as follows:

2.00pm - 7pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Unit 49 (next to H&M upstairs), Howard Centre.

11.00am – 4.30pm Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Unit 49 (next to H&M upstairs), Howard Centre.

Following an excellent suggestion from the Welwyn Garden City Civic Society, the display of the exhibtion banners with continue on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9am – 5:30pm in the main shopping mall area of the Howard Centre (this will be unstaffed).

We will be putting in place simple COVID measures so that visitors can be confident and at ease when attending our exhibition. We encourage use of face masks, hand sanitiser and good use of space. We understand that some people may not feel ready yet to attend public events.

We have also developed a website <u>www.campusparkeast.co.uk</u> and will be holding online consultation events for those who are unable (or would prefer not) to attend the events at the Howard Centre. These will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am -12.00 noon and 6pm – 7.30pm, (you can register for these on the website).

Should you have any questions or queries you can call our team on 0800 689 5209. We very much look forward to meeting you in March.

Yours sincerely

Campus Park East Team



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### Appendix 4. Community Invite letter



Bellway Homes Limited North London Bellway House Bury Street Ruislip Middlesex HA4 75D

15th February 2022

Telephone 01895 671100 Fax 01895 671155

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Dear Resident,

RE: Campus Park East - public consultation invitation

We are writing to invite you to participate in a public consultation on our emerging proposals for the development of the Campus East car park, College Way, AL8, now being branded 'Campus Park East'. You may be aware, the Council has already established that the existing Campus East car park should be brought forward as a new residential development for the town through the publication of the Council's WGC 2120 Framework document. To facilitate this, replacement car parking will be provided at Campus West. While some residents have already contributed to the development of the Council's vision, we will be presenting our emerging designs to the local community before we submit a planning application.

We have written to you today in order to invite you to attend one of our public exhibitions:

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### Appendix 5. Consultation Website

www. campusparkeast.co.uk

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### FROM VISION TO DELIVERY

Welcome to this Campus Park East consultation website, to present and hear from

Working together with the Council, our residential neighbours, a wide variety of interested stakeholders, we look forward to creating a development of which everyone can be proud as a new addition to the town.

Bellway Homes was selected as the development partner by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council in 2021.



Fur mission is to build inist-class holmes that our customers re proud to live in. We are delighted to have been awarded 5 sta uilder status by the Home Builders Federation for the fifth year unning.





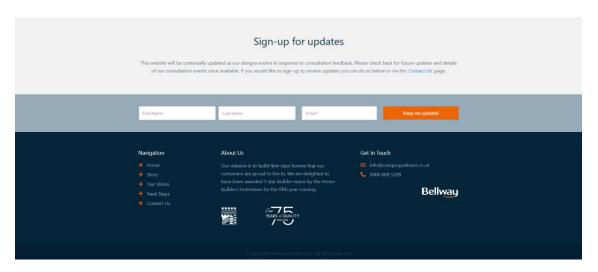


We are committed to the delivery of affordable housing as an important part of the mix here in Welwyn Garden City.

Our neighbours are vital in helping us shape our plans.

We cannot deliver this positive change alone. Our aspirations will continually evolve through discussion with residents and Welwyn Hatfield Borough
Council as we engage and listen to the public's views. We are not only committed to fully consult, but we believe that success cannot be achieved
without the input of our neighbours and other stakeholders.

While residents have already contributed to the development of the Council's vision we will be presenting our emerging designs to the local community and stakeholders, via surveys, public drop-in exhibitions and online updates.



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### Consultation Events – February 2020 – your feedback

A number of attendees were residents of Gresley Close, which forms the boundary to Plot 2 Campus East Car Park and had stated the importance of the perfection across through the car mark which is a vital link for residents walking into two and for employees of pearby Shire Park.

Attendees stated that any visual design would have to consider the existing surrounding residential buildings and would need to respect the Gardec City vernacular. Some attendees were shown a draft copy of the Town Centre North Building Code and were satisfied with the variety of architectura

Height was also a concern regarding the proposed residential development should be careful not to overshadow existing residential located on Gresley Close and Blakemere Road. Further comments included adhering to the existing Estate Management Scheme and that plans are sustainable with the toward settle and or however.



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### Our Vision

The Council has already established that Campus Park East should be brought forward as a new residential quarter for the town.

Our proposals, when we were selected as the Council's development partner are broadly in line with the Town Centre North vision. We developed a masterplan for 292 homes – of which 30% would be affordable.

We have listened to the Council and residents by limiting the height to between four and five storeys.

We have listened to residents who are keen to see a pedestrian link maintained through the site and we have taken the opportunity to significantly improve bio-diversity with a network of linked green spaces weaving through the site.

We have listened to the Council who would like to see the 88 affordable housing units (30% of the total) delivered as 50% shared ownership and 50% affordable for rent.

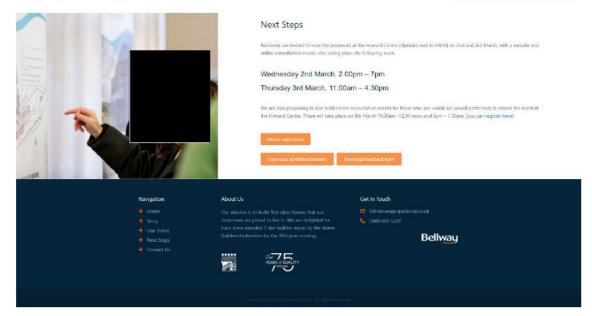




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### Appendix 6. Exhibition Banners

### Welcome







Welcome to our exhibition which explains our plans for the development of the Campus East car park, College Way, AL8, now being branded 'Campus Park East'.



At this exhibition you can see more information on our plans, speak to a member of our project team and provide us with your feedback.



We value your feedback, so please do take the time to fill in one of the feedback forms available today or visit the Campus Park East website to let us know what you think.

Thank you.

### The site today







Campus Park East lies to the north of the town centre and immediately west of the train line. To the north are homes (Gresley Close) and to the east more homes (Peel Court) and Oaklands College.



As you can see from the plan above, Campus Park East is part of an important wider programme to reinvigorate the town centre led by Welwyn Hatfield Council to date, delivering new homes, retail, and leisure space for existing and future residents.



The principle of redeveloping the site was established in 2005 and has been allocated for a mixed used development within the adopted District Plan. More recently, the site was identified within the emerging Local Plan for solely residential. Despite the principle of the site's regeneration being long established, proposals have not materialised until recently.

We are keen to bring forward this highly sustainable town centre site.

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www.campusparkeast.co.uk



### Bellway The story so far



In the centenary year of Welwyn Garden City, the Council is leading a programme of community engagement to introduce the WGC 2120 vision to residents. This feedback has been invaluable in helping to shape the proposals on display today.

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council has already established that the existing car park at Campus Park East should be brought forward for a new residential development as part of the WGC 2120 vision. While some residents have already contributed to the development of the Council's vision, we are presenting our emerging designs to the local community before we submit a planning application in a few months.

### **Timeline**

Welwyn Hatfield Council decide to re-develop Campus Park East and increase parking at Campus Park West to allow for this site to be brought forward as a new residential development.

The Council begin a search for a development partner to deliver the regeneration of Campus Park East.

The Council's Development Management Committee approve the construction of additional car parking at Campus Park West, a first step in unlocking the regeneration of Campus Park East.

Welwyn Hatfield Council launch the WGC 2120 programme to develop the town centre.

Welwyn Hatfield Council selected Bellway Homes from among a range of developers who submitted bids for the site.

### Our track record

## Bellway



Bellway Homes has been delivering homes for over 70 years and employs more than 2,000 people. We are a NHBC 5 Star builder, and this site falls within our North London division. Our North London division secured the NHBC Quality and Seal of Excellence on QEII, Welwyn Garden City and Hertsmere Mews in Borehamwood among others.

We are an experienced and established house builder determined to deliver a scheme with a legacy we collectively can be proud of.

- · One of the UK's largest national house building businesses.
- Strong and robust balance sheet.
- Proven track record of delivering large scale schemes.
- · Key site for Bellway North London and excellent opportunity to showcase our approach.
- · Established working relationship with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council





- Experienced subcontractor and supply chain support.
- Whole life cycle of development including gaining planning, construction and sales, and overall long term management and stewardship of developments.

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## Understanding the constraints

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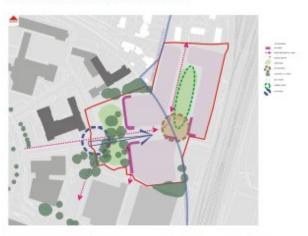
As you can see from the plan below, we have carefully considered the site to understand both its key fits strengths and opportunities, and its weaknesses and constraints. The below plan addresses the information we have needed to consider.



- Weakly-defined townscape around Campus.
- Poor connections between the site and town centre due to vehicular barriers.
- Poor definition of town centre edges.
- Noise from Network Rail line and depot.
- Thames Water foul and surface water sewers dissect site north-south.
- Access to Cottages and Network Rail compound to be retained
- Established pedestrian routes to be enhanced.
- c.3.5m falls from north to south.
- Established trees to western access and boundaries.

## Understanding **Bellway** the opportunities

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- Retain/enhance frontage landscape.
- Relocate and create more legible formalised site access. Enhance pedestrian link off-site to residential area to north. Create positive edge to frontage. Create focus to draw into site.
- Introduce central open space.

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### How did we approach the bid process?

## Bellway

Along with several other developers and housebuilders, Bellway were invited to tender for this site. We submitted proposals to the Council for around 290 homes arranged in a series of apartment blocks which was informed by our review of the site's known opportunities and constraints.

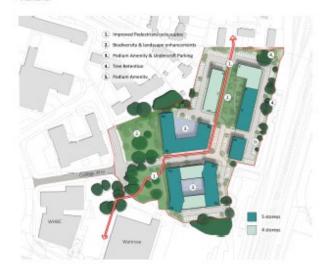


- Focal points & frontages defining movement and vistas.
- Blocks aligned to access.
- Linked landscaped open spaces.
- Formalised pedestrian / cycle routes.
   Enhanced north / south
- Enhanced north / south connection.
- Retention of landscape frontage.
- Central landscaped amenity.
- Ecology / biodiversity enhanced.
- Circular vehicle route within
- Parking peripheral to site.
- Site gradient allows for undercroft parking.
- Public and private amenity.

## Our early proposals



Our emerging proposals build on the vison that was first unveiled in the Council's WGC 2120 proposals to create an improved town centre that can be enjoyed by residents, businesses owners and visitors.



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## High quality architecture





Artist's impression of the proposals

We have worked closely with the Council to evolve the masterplan following good design and place-making principles and responding to the site context. We believe, given the location of the site adjacent to the Conservation Area, it is important to respect and reflect the tradition of the Garden City.

The buildings will be guided by a set of design guidelines that have been developed specifically for this site. These guidelines set out an approach to ground floor activation and exterior façade to ensure a high-quality architecture.

The scheme is continuing to be developed with regards to detailed design and materials. Your feedback on this is welcome and will form part of our ongoing design process.

### New homes





We will be providing something for everyone, with a mix of homes, from new homes to buy, new homes for shared ownership and new homes for affordable rent. There will also be a number of wheelchair-accessible homes.

There will be 292 new homes to meet local housing need, of which 30% will be affordable. This is in-line with Council's affordable housing policy and we are discussing the split in affordable tenures with the Council's housing team. We are an experienced and established house builder determined to deliver a scheme with a legacy we collectively can be proud of.

Indicative housing mix
107: 1-bed homes 177: 2-bed homes 8: 3-bed homes

### Our approach to parking

Parking is provided in line with typical expectations for developments of this nature, to ensure that adequate provision is made, and more sustainable modes of transport are encouraged.

Campus Park East is a highly accessible site with strong connections to local public transport – including Welwyn Garden City Railway Station and an established bus corridor – and town centre facilities. There will be easy access to Car Clubs for those who need a vehicle, electric vehicle charging points and dedicated delivery bays.

Our current proposals provide 203 parking spaces, with a parking ratio of 1:0.7.

This level of provision considers local car ownership levels, local parking standards and the sustainable town centre location.

There will be 292 secure bicycle parking spaces for residents and visitors. We are also exploring the inclusion of Car Club spaces for people that don't have access to a car.

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### A welcoming and inclusive environment

## Bellway



We asked the landscape architects, MacFarlane + Associates, to develop a public realm and landscape strategy that facilitates the creation a variety of new, accessible spaces that cater for residents, as well as people that will pass through every day.

As you can see from the plan above / below, we will create an attractive new environment for people of all backgrounds to live, gather and play. Our proposals include:

- Accessible green space to promote health and well-being
- Multi-generational play spaces
- · Spaces to dwell and passive areas for social cohesion
- · Species-rich planting to provide sensory and ecological benefits
- A surplus of tree planting on site, creating a tree-lined streetscape and focal planting within amenity spaces
- Preservation of existing mature trees

At present the site is dominated by concrete and tarmac. Our scheme will significantly increase the amount of green space locally and enhance on-site net biodiversity by at least 10%.

# A sustainable, Bellway clean and green development

Our proposals will tackle the key environmental challenges through low carbon design, renewable energy, sustainable transport, and enhanced biodiversity.

### Our commitments

- No fossil fuels. The development will be all electric in line with the UK's grid decarbonisation.
- Air source heat pumps to supply heating and hot water.
- A fabric first approach to reduce energy demand.
- Reducing water consumption through careful specification of water fittings and opportunities for water efficiency measures will be maximised.
- Habitats and landscapes will be improved, enhancing net biodiversity by at least 10%.

- Energy saving workshops for construction team and local supply chain.
- New soft biodiverse planting and new habitats for insects, birds, and other wildlife
- Electric vehicle charging points.
- 292 secure bicycle parking spaces for visitors and residents.
- The proposed development will meet and exceed Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council's 2020 / 2021 commitment.

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### Next steps





Thank you for taking the time to attend our public consultation today. We hope you found it useful.

The views of the local community are important to us. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to let us know what you think. This will form part of our continuing consultation with the community.

You can let us know what you think in the following ways:

- Complete a feedback form today & leave it with us
- Fill in the feedback form on the project website: www.campusparkeast.co.uk
- Post a form to us at "Freepost CONSULTATION REPLY"
- Email info@campusparkeast.co.uk
- Call us on 0800 689 5209

February – March 2022 Public consultation with stakeholders and residents

May 2022 Submit plans to Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

May - June 2022 Expected formal consultation by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

August 2022 Determination by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

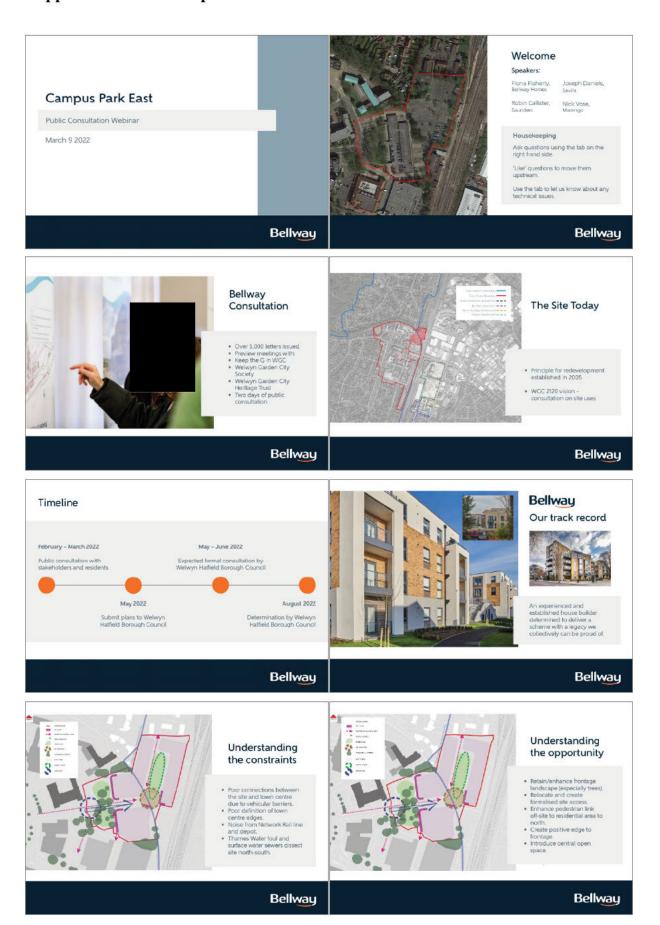
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You can register on the website below.

If you would like a hard copy version of these boards, you can contact us.



### Appendix 7. Webinar presentation





### Approaching the BID process

We submitted proposals to the Council for around 290 homes arranged in a series of apartment blocks which was informed by our review of the site's known opportunities and constraints.



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### Our approach to parking

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- 292 secure bicycle spaces



### **High Quality** Architecture

- Location of the site adjacent to the Conservation Area, important to respect and reflect the tradition of the Garden City.

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### Landscaping & Environment

- Accessible green space to promote health and well-being
   Multi-generational play spaces
   Species-rich planting to provide sensory and ecological benefits
   Tree-lined streetscape and planting within amenity spaces
   Preservation of existing mature trees

### Sustainability & Environment

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- Energy saving workshops for construction team and local supply chain.

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### **Next Steps**

- Collate and review feedback
- Revise and submit application to Council

### Questions & Answers

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### Campus Park East



Public Consultation Feedback Form

## THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ATTEND TODAY'S EXHIBITION

Please let us know your thoughts by completing the questions below. You do not have to provide your personal details, however doing so will allow us to contact you regarding your feedback. Should you wish to be kept informed with the progress of the proposal please do tick the relevant boxes below.

First Name		Last	Name	
			code	
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What is your age gr	oup?			
Under 18	□ 18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54
55 - 64	65 - 74	Over 75	☐ Prefer not to say	/
What is your gende	r?			
☐ Male	☐ Female	☐ Other	☐ Prefer not to say	/
	t informed about upda interest in a new hon		ng process. pment, for me or someor	ne I know.

Marengo Communications are collecting your data on behalf of Bellway Homes regarding the redevelopment of Campus Park East. We are collecting it to keep you informed of the progression of the planning application and will not use it for any other purpose or provide it to any other company. If you do not want us to update you on the plans, then either do not supply us with this contact information or email us at info@campusparkeast.co.uk and we will delete this information from our records.

Please provide your views on the following statements by	y ticking the relevant box.
1. I was already aware that the Council had decided this     Yes	to provide new homes.  Somewhat Generally disagree disagree  The the site, creating a new pedestrian yn Garden City.  Somewhat Generally disagree disagree disagree  The the site, creating a new pedestrian yn Garden City.  Generally disagree disagree
THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PROVIDE YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS  Feedback will be open until Monday 14th March 2022  Your responses will help inform the evolution of the proposal as we move towards the submission of a planning application. The decisions we take will be informed by all the responses we receive.	Forms can be:  Placed in the container at the exhibition  Emailed to: info@campusparkeast.co.uk  Posted to us: FREEPOST CONSULTATION REPLY

### **Appendix 9. Newspaper Advertisment**

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We're consulting on our emerging proposals for the development of the Campus East car park, College Way, AL8, now being branded 'Campus Park East'. We want to work with you to make this happen.

Join us in person on 2nd March 2pm - 7pm or 3rd March 11am - 5pm at Unit 49 Howard Centre, (upstairs next to H&M) or online on 9th March 10:30am - 12:00 noon and 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

We will answer any questions and listen to all feedback.

- **L** 0800 689 5209
- info@campusparkeast.co.uk

Visit our website to register for the consultation webinar:

campusparkeast.co.uk

### Appendix 10. Press release

MEDIA RELEASE 22.02.2022

### **Bellway launches community consultation for Campus Park East**

Bellway Homes have today announced community consultation events regarding plans to transform the car park at Campus East into new homes.

**Ali Maruf, Managing Director of Bellway Homes North London**, said, "We were delighted when the Council appointed us to redevelop this important site. We've already met with local stakeholders and are keen to hear the views of the local community before we submit our planning application.

Residents are invited to view the proposals at the Howard Centre (Upstairs next to H&M) on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March, with a website and online consultation events also taking place the following week.

2.00pm – 7pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 11.00am – 4.30pm Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

We have developed a website <u>www.campusparkeast.co.uk</u> and are proposing to also hold **online consultation events** for those who are unable (or would prefer not) to attend the event at the Howard Centre. These will take place on **9**<sup>th</sup> **March 10.30am -12.00 noon and 6pm – 7.30pm**, (you can register for these on the website).

**Ali Maruf** continued: "We know that there is a huge amount of interest in the way Welwyn Garden City is developing and we are looking forward to answering residents' questions at our consultation events.

"We will be putting in place simple COVID measures so that visitors can be confident and at ease when attending our exhibition. We encourage use of face masks, hand sanitiser and good use of space. We understand that some people may not feel ready yet to attend public events so have decided to host some online events too."

The plans are available to view at <a href="www.campusparkeast.co.uk">www.campusparkeast.co.uk</a> and anyone can call the project team on our freephone number 0800 689 520 for more information.

The Council formally decided that the existing Campus East car park should be brought forward as a new residential development for the town through the publication of the Council's WGC 2120 Framework document. To facilitate this, replacement car parking will be provided at Campus West.

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### **Appendix 11. Newspaper Articles**



### 11.10.2021

Linchpin of WGC 2120 regeneration reaches major milestone

Welwyn Hatfield's ambitious regeneration plans made a giant stride forward with the recent appointment of national house builder Bellway as the preferred residential developer for Campus East Car Park.



The winning bid from Bellway will deliver approximately 290 new homes and form a major part of the council's wider long-term plans to invigorate the garden city.

With an emphasis on preserving and enhancing the garden city character, Bellway will work closely with Welwyn Garden City based architect firm, Saunders, to ensure the designs are in keeping with the architectural surroundings.

Bellway is committed to providing 30% of the development as affordable housing in addition to improved public transport links, creating a new community in the heart of Welwyn Garden City's historic district.

As the chosen developer, Bellway will work to ensure that their scheme is in keeping with sustainability commitments, allowing the council to meet its obligations to work with contractors that demonstrate their climate change credentials. The developer has also pledged to ensure that partners provide jobs to the local community as part of their proposal.

Council leader, Cllr Tony Kingsbury, said:

"Since we first unveiled the WGC 2120 proposals, we have listened to the invaluable feedback from

our residents and business owners, and want to thank them for getting involved at what is an exciting time for Welwyn Garden City.

"Campus East Car Park will be the major development of the WGC 2120 regeneration, and it is with great anticipation that we can look forward to an improved town centre, one we can continue to be proud of, and one that is enjoyed by residents, business owners and visitors to our beautiful garden city for the next 100 years and beyond."

Ali Maruf, Managing Director of Bellway North London, said:

"Bellway has been through an incredibly detailed process to reach this stage, so we are naturally very pleased to have reached a resolution with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council to secure this land, which forms a significant part of a key regeneration project for the area.

"With a deal agreed for the site, Bellway is already considering the level of detail required for a planning application to be submitted for a development of up to 290 new homes for Welwyn Garden City, to deliver 30 per cent affordable housing and associated infrastructure, to cement our position as the house builder of choice to support the WGC 2120 project for the local community.

"We look forward to working closely with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and the local community as we move forward to deliver new housing to the area."

Bellway will be conducting a variety of community engagement activities later in the year, prior to the submission of a planning application. Residents may see engineers on-site carrying out preliminary site surveys soon.

https://one.welhat.gov.uk/article/12171/Linchpin-of-WGC-2120-regeneration-reaches-major-milestone



22/02/22

### Public consultation set for Campus East car park development



Welwyn Garden City residents can have their say on the Campus East car park development. - Credit: Archant

The public are being given their chance to have a say over the future development of the Campus East car park in Welwyn Garden City.

Bellway Homes plan to turn the area into new homes, but are keen to hear from residents before submitting a planning application.

Proposals will be available to view at The Howard Centre in the unit next to H&M on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 2, from 2pm to 7pm
- Thursday, March 3, from 11am to 4.30pm

There will also be online consultation events on the following date:

• Wednesday, March 9, 10.30am to 12pm and 6pm to 7.30pm

"We were delighted when Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council appointed us to redevelop this important site," said Ali Maruf, managing director of Bellway Homes North London.

"We've already met with local stakeholders and are keen to hear the views of the local community before we submit our planning application.

"We know that there is a huge amount of interest in the way Welwyn Garden City is developing and we are looking forward to answering residents' questions at our consultation events.

"We will be putting in place simple COVID-19 measures so that visitors can be confident and at ease when attending our exhibition. We encourage use of face masks, hand sanitiser and good use of space.

"We understand that some people may not feel ready yet to attend public events so have decided to host some online events too."

The Campus East car park development was brought forward by the council and their WGC 2120 project, designed to take the world's second garden city into the next 100 years, but with an emphasis on preserving and enhancing the garden city character.

Last October, Bellway Homes were chosen as the developer to deliver 290 homes - including 30 per cent affordable housing - forming a major part of wider long-term plans to reinvigorate the town.

When work begins on Campus East, alternative parking will be provided at Campus West.

To find out more about the Campus East car park development and to register for the online consultation, visit www.campusparkeast.co.uk or call 0800 689 520.

Welwyn Hatfield Times, 22/02/22 Link here

### Appendix 12. Webinar Questions

### Webinar Questions 09.03.2022

#### Morning Session

You noted that you want to develop the links to the town centre. What progress do you plan in improving the integration? This would need to be via land owned by the Council and Waitrose. The current design does not directly lead into the town centre or provide a link to the East via Hunters Bridge.

Will you be reviewing the proposed design as a result of this Consultation? A planning application submission in May suggests that you will just be proceeding with the Bid DesigT. the current design is not inspiring – particularly as this is a key town centre site.

I'm delighted to hear that you won't be building any higher than five storeys. However I feel the architecture of the blocks need to be adapted to match more closely the architecture of the Garden City.

In order to inform how you develop the building block layout, massing and height, you should review the longer view impacts of the new development. Is it planned to do a LVIA type study from the existing town centre in particular?

How many bed spaces will there be in the 292 flats?

The car parking is limited which will have an impact on surrounding areas. Have you made any progress in the suggestion to negotiate the managed use of surrounding car parks – particularly out of hours?

Social housing – the current provision is unclear? We would have expected that the Council would make it a condition of development. 'Affordable' housing is not affordable to many.

I have a comment

Could I encourage you to have the scheme considered by an independent Design Review Panel at the appropriate stage before the application is submitted.

We all know 485 persons will need more than 203 parking spaces. Visitors need parking space too. Less than 1 space per flat will cause problems

Will a recording of this event be made available (as the MTVH exhibition)?

Suggestion for the future: it would be helpful if you typed the answers! (on an informal for information basis)

Thank you

#### Afternoon Session

Hello, how many people are attending? Thank you, Orla Kennedy

Two hundred and three parking-spaces, for 485 people is not sufficient, particularly as it is likely that the residents will have visitors, and, therefore, this provision needs to be increased. Will you do that?

Thank you for now.

Confirmation email had date as 16/3. Suspect some people might miss the session.

I am looking at this on a large screen with my glasses on and I can't see the legend. Can you please address this issue. Thank you, Orla Kennedy

How many of the 290 homes will be Social housing and I don't mean Affordable housing, particularly as not everyone can afford what is described as affordable housing?

We really need adequate car parking considered, in proportion to the number of bedrooms in each accommodation.

How many will be social housing?

what are the car parking local authority standards, where can I find them? thanks

Bikes get stolen around here, is there any security?

Will this development come under a private residents association for lighting, street/ garden tending etc?

Hello, we are 6 attendees. Please answer our questions. Many thanks, Orla Kennedy

Thanks Nick. I guess i thought this would have been information proffered at the outset.

When Welwyn Garden City was established it was houses that were built, in "the main", not flats but you do not seem to intend to build any houses, so why not?

Who will maintain the greenspaces?

Is there scope for solar panels on the roofs (out of sight)?

Will your proposals be independently assessed re housing density, suitability of access routes and adequacy of car parking facilities?

Sorry but can you please remind me who Joseph Daniels is? Thank you, Orla

Please could you put the plan back up and talk us through the key

Missed the start, but the one that had about 12 items in small text

It is difficult to see how the types of property you have displayed meet the architectural values of WGC?

Apologies, but you said Joseph worked for 'Savilles'? Can you please flag up who that is? Thank you, Orla

What provision will be made for electric charging of vehicles - will it be full passive provision?

How will waste collection be organised and how will refuse vehicles, removal / delivery vehicles and emergency vehicles move around the site?

Who will own the freehold - flat owners as a group / company?

... based at Shire Park

l guess I can see a Joseph Daniels listed as an "entrepreneur" on Companies House under 'Peniel Homes Limited'. Orla

Can you please provide written replies to the questions. I would like to review later. Thank you, Orla

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Have you discussed the access proposal with Waitrose and the College and have they commented?

Thank youl

l think that one of your pedestrian "routes" is over Waitrose property, so what will you do if Waitrose stop access?

Thank vou. Orla