

I object to these plans on a number of points.

The density of the dwellings. The exact density that made Ebenezer Howard come here to fulfil his ambition that there must be a better way, physically and mentally, for people to live. This density will cause a decline in physical and mental wellbeing, in the worst instance it will make the area a no go zone, especially after dark and especially for women, hopefully I don't need to expand on this point.

Water. Where is the water supply coming from? From our chalk aquifers that feed the extremely globally rare chalk streams in the area? Has the fact that we have been in drought conditions for many years been considered? Water is a precious resource and is not infinite. At the other end of the scale where is the rainwater from the increasingly frequent extreme rainfall events going to go? Have soak-aways been incorporated, sufficient drainage? Where does this drainage go? Will all the rainwater flow into the nearest river increasing flood risk to those living there? When such dense housing is built you are interfering with the balance in the environment exacerbating drought and flood conditions.

Silos. I thought they were supposed to be an attraction, a destination. This is what I was told at the first display you had a few years ago in the Howard Centre. They will now be dwarfed in this metropolis.

Parking. What is the thinking behind the lack of parking? Is it the expectation that people won't have cars? Or that they will all be commuters? Are train numbers being increased?

Services. I can't see any schools or medical care mentioned. I asked this at the Howard Centre display a few years ago and they said money was going to be given to a primary school to expand somewhere in the area. Will people need cars to get to this? Will people have parking for these cars, in the development and at the local school where the children will go? Congestion around schools is currently dangerous, what will it be like outside the school that has to expand?

Green spaces. This is a garden city, where green areas, air and space are considered the most important elements of healthy living. Right at the heart of our town we will simply ignore this.

Houses. Where are the houses I thought any development had to be mixed?

I have also read the points made by the Welwyn Garden City Society and agree with all their objections.

I really hope something can be done by those with the ability to do so, to create a space right at the centre of our town that we can be proud of. That the people who live in this development feel part of the garden city ethos because they have green spaces, good mental health, services and feel safe.

Please don't let the developers do whatever they wish to make the most amount of money and then walk away.

There is an amazing opportunity here to make something much better than just dense flats, we could attract people to visit, we could make WGC a place to go and have something vibrant and exciting.