

Objection to Proposal 6/2020/3420/MAJ – The BioPark

I would urge anyone involved with this planning application to take some time to walk down Broadwater Road in the direction of Bridge Road; or to walk down Church Road in the direction of the railway. You cannot fail to be horrified at the scale of what already exists and of the further proposals for the area. To my mind, the BioPark Proposal evokes the same feelings.

Having lived in the area for most of my life, I cannot believe how easily and wantonly the trusted principles of the town are being cast aside.

Nothing should be contemplated which exceeds the highest buildings they are or will be replacing. I strongly support the objection of the WGC Society as follows:

Here 289 units are proposed to house 852 people in a very restricted site, with building height to 9 storeys. This contradicts WHBC's own vision for Broadwater Road west which was to integrate the spirit of the Garden City with the very best of 21st century design. There is nothing of the Garden City spirit here.

The development is clearly seen from the west side Conservation Area, as well as from Hatfield House. It will compromise the Broadwater Road street scene, overpowering the art deco and Mirage developments to the south. It is inappropriate for a Garden City due to its large scale, high density of homes and minimal greenery. It has no kinship with our unique town.

This development offers only 216 parking spaces for 289 homes. There is no example where a development without adequate car parking has worked.

Other sites within the borough, such as villages with high public transport accessibility, appear to have been ignored despite their suitability for development.

Yours sincerely



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