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Subject: Broadwater Road Proposal

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Dear Sir,

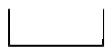
Along with the many other WGC residents who are appalled at the latest plans to develop the above site, I should like to voice my objections to the plans for the Wheat Quarter and the Bio Park, as follows:

- the whole plan is contrary to the ethos and ideals of the founding fathers of Welwyn Garden City. Where is there adequate space for living, where the greenery, where the opportunity for good design? Where the desire to provide housing of good quality which values its residents?
- there is an unacceptable increase in the number of dwellings proposed contrary to the Council's own original plans. In addition the proposed heights are completely unacceptable. High rise buildings are not in keeping with the architecture of the town, again contrary to the Council's former intentions
- the local infrastructure appears not to have been considered. Where are the new schools, the medical practices, adequate parking for the residents, adequate roads to take on the increase in traffic that such a plan would bring.

Welwyn Garden City has a world-wide reputation and many are the people from other countries who visit us to learn and take back ideas of town planning. Will intrusive high-rise blocks of flats which show no continuity with the local architecture and provide little green space for a so-called garden city add to our reputation? I think not. This plan is ill-thought out and would appear to do with expediency rather a careful judgement of how best to provide more dwellings in the town.

On a personal level, my grandmother came to the town in the 1920's to find a healthy and pleasant environment for her family. I have witnessed many changes but the vast majority have remained true to the original concept of a garden city which people have appreciated, loved and cherished since its inception.

Yours faithfully

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