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[REDACTED] Objection to Planning Applications 6/2021/0181/MAJ, 6/2021/0671/MAJ and

6/2020/3420/MAJ - High Rise Developments along Broadwater Road.

The WGC Society is our town's civic society. We exist to protect the town's Garden City ethos, preserve its heritage, oppose threats to the town's unique heritage and represent the views of our members. Given these aspirations we can do nothing other than to protest most vigorously at this proposed desecration of our very special town. Our members are appalled at these proposals. They make a mockery of the term "Garden City". Welwyn Garden City is the most visually coherent of our Garden Cities and has been given a wonderful expression of Ebenezer Howard's ideal of town-country marriage thanks to Louis de Soissons' practical vision. These applications ride roughshod over these ideals and will destroy the character of our town. They are inappropriate for a Garden City, being too dense in nature (for example, in the Wheat Quarter application there will be 288 dwellings per hectare compared with 141 for a typical London social housing estate). The South Side proposal will be even more crowded than Manhattan in central New York (793 people per hectare compared with an average of 275 in Manhattan). The absence of significant greenery in these applications also shows no kinship with our unique town.

We understand that there has been significant national and international objection to these proposals. This demonstrates the importance of Welwyn Garden City as a universally famous town, lauded around the globe. Any proposal threatening its unique station in the world must be stopped.

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