

As a new resident of the area, I am truly horrified to read the proposed application. Having moved here 8 months ago, I am subject to more daily noise/disruption than I ever was having lived in Central London for 14 years due to the constant building work on Broadwater Road. Moving to a so called 'garden city' has shown me none of the benefits the town likes to boast - to think that there will be multiple more years of construction work, building dust and debris coming through my windows followed by more noise from a huge number of new residents and a complete invasion of privacy in my home is distressing. There are plenty of other roads and areas in Welwyn Garden City to build sustainable housing that is aligned with the town's vision of greenery and a good quality of life. It is completely unreasonable to put the residents of the area through more disruption and to significantly lower their quality of life to build lifeless, high-rise apartments that completely ruin the appearance of the area and reduce existing property prices.

To further illustrate how unsustainable the current plans are, it has taken over 7 months for me to secure a dentist appointment because of how oversubscribed the service is and my partner is still waiting to even be able to join a waiting list. Equally, I recently spent over 2.5 hours on hold to the doctors to make an appointment with no luck and had to pay for a private appointment just to be seen within the next month. When it comes to parking, there are 3 visitor parking spaces across the development I live on, meaning that there is already a total lack of parking. To see that a completely unreasonable number of parking spaces are again being proposed is very concerning - local infrastructure, including roads, schools, NHS services and public transport will be completely overloaded to the detriment of this town and its current residents.

Please prevent this application from succeeding. I moved to this area for a better quality of life and it is quickly becoming worse than the quality I had in the capital city. If flats are to be built in this town, they should match the surrounding buildings with three/four floors, thus not overlooking others/invading privacy and with a suitable number of parking spaces and added local services to manage the number of new residents. Building noise should also be kept to an absolute minimum – it is unreasonable to expect residents to endure 10+ years of constant disruption with no benefit to themselves.