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As a proud and grateful resident of Welwyn Garden City for the past 26 years I am flabbergasted and dismayed at all of the high-rise development proposals for the town, including the BioPark one, and particularly at the dishonest, underhand way in which extra height and bulk has been added to previously granted approvals. The somewhat ironically named 'Broadwater Gardens' where over 850 people are to be crammed into its 9 storeys, with no recreation space, is totally out of keeping with the ethos of this very special Garden City which has been largely preserved over the past 100 years.

I was appalled to hear recently that the chairman of the Council's Planning committee (DMC) represents Brookmans Park and his wife is involved in a group called 'Keep Development Away From Brookmans Park'. If true this is totally unacceptable, especially since Brookmans Park seems to be largely escaping development, certainly of the type planned for Broadwater Road.

This is the first and only time in 26 years here that I have felt the need to lodge any form of objection. My wife and I have felt privileged to have brought up our family in such a special town and all 4 of us have been pleased to give back to the community in various voluntary roles over the years. I am certainly not convinced we will choose to remain as residents of Welwyn Garden City should these totally unsympathetic planned proposals be given the go ahead.

Thank you for listening.

Yours sincerely,

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