



I am writing with great concern about the new developments in the Broadwater Road area. The Biopark, the Wheat Quarter and Southside are all earmarked for development of flats, along side the flats developments already taking place in office buildings around Welwyn Garden City.

The height of the buildings is critical and in no way should they be more than 5 storeys as a maximum; any more will completely change the character of the garden city and provide a harsh contrast to the west side of town, exacerbating the divide of the town even further. People do not want to live in small, densely built flats and they do not match the town's need for housing for families. There is not that much demand for small flats and they risk becoming a ghetto of people trapped in inappropriate housing for their needs as their lives develop.

There is a housing need in the town, but we need to develop the kind of housing that people want to live in, and that will enhance their lives. The pandemic has shown us that people need space and dense urban development is not desirable for the people forced to live in it, or for the enhancement of the town.

Please pay serious attention to these concerns from a resident.

Best wishes

