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Dear Sirs

We am writing as a resident of Welwyn Garden City to express how unhappy I am at the apparent changes coming to the area in and around Broadwater Road.

We're referring to the developments in this area and the plans submitted to the council to build flats over the council's own policy of a maximum of five storeys.

Why is this being even considered? This we feel would destroy the area's feel as a garden city. It would also put a strain on the local services including trains, which are already (well pre pandemic which we will hopefully return to at some point) very busy both in the mornings heading to Kings Cross and of course returning home in the evening.

As we understand it, the plan is to add 3,000 flats and only 9 houses. Our question is why? Again, as we understand it this doesn't even meet the council's own housing needs assessment. Why are you doing this? We don't want Welwyn Garden turned into an inner city, we don't want a concrete jungle, we want our garden city to be kept just that, a garden!

Please, please, please reject any planning application for flats, offices etc that exceed five storeys and focus on keeping this a garden city. This is why we prefer and want hedges for borders and not fences for example. We don't want our homes overlooked by big tower blocks.

A series of concrete towers of the size being proposed would mar our skyline. Please block or prevent this terrible idea for tower blocks over five storeys, which have never been build and should never BE built in our area.

Kind regards

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