

My objections to the new plans are as follows:

- I refer to the SPD for Broadwater which expected all proposed development to be respectful to the silos and not exceeding 5 storeys in keeping with the local landscape. These new plans, which far exceed the 2015 plans, let alone the 2019 plans, will create a monster in our midst- an area of new buildings so overpowering with little or no relationship with the ethos of the town. (I do not want a landscape like the latest metropolitan swathe in North Stevenage, alright in its context, but not smack bang in the middle of the town.)
- I am hugely disappointed that the new plans completely disregard the intention for the silos to be incorporated as landmarks in the overall structure of development; rather than incorporated, they will be subsumed and dwarfed by the neighbouring heights of all building blocks, the heights of which were originally to have regard to the setting of the silos. I live in the town centre and am dreading the prospect of this new view.
- The plans for Broadwater Road West, were they to be allowed, far from integrating within the spirit of the garden city and *enhancing the local environment on an appropriate scale*, will produce an environment which will impact adversely the beauty of the town (ref the planned lack of greenery, for which the current town is famous?) and make the founders shudder and rise from their graves!
- The huge increase in the number of new dwellings and the subsequent density of the development will have a huge negative impact on the local infrastructure which will be unable to sustain such a large development. Surely there are other sites within the borough, that would be more suitable to incorporate the extra housing proposed in the new plans, where thought can be given to planning made-to-measure infrastructure support, rather than piggy-backing (badly) on the current town provision?

Let's step back and get this right so that we can be as proud of the new vision as we have been of the widely respected and renowned Garden City.