

I am writing to you to register my strongest objections to the new proposed plans for all three of the Broadwater Road sites.

I would refer you to the “Suggested Objections” of the Welwyn Garden City Society on their website which are fully in line with my views. The ethos of Welwyn Garden City is to promote the wellbeing of the residents which is the philosophy on which it was originally conceived. Any resident living in such crowded conditions is likely to experience a decline in their wellbeing particularly in their mental health. While I fully appreciate a need for people to have a roof over their heads this style of development is not the answer as I am of the opinion that living in one of these dwellings will not be conducive to the sense of wellbeing of the residents. In the plans as they stand there is no green space to speak of, nor are there any satisfactory facilities for families such as adequate space for leisure. Ebenezer Howard’s vision was to bring people from the slums of London to live in a place of space, light and beauty. This development would in no way fulfil this purpose and could in fact create another slum.

The density of the proposed development lends itself to attracting a criminal element such as drug dealers. This is exactly the kind of environment in which they prosper.

There seems to be no provision for schooling or medical care and insufficient car parking.

What thought has been given to the supply of amenities such as water? Do we have sufficient resources given droughts in past years?

Has provision been made for extra local transport?

As it appears that the developers are assuming the development will be a commuter base for travel to London has the local franchised train operating company given thought to creating an increased service?

COVID has changed a lot of things including working practices. Has consideration been given to this? Indoor working space may in fact now be more sought after than a commuting facility.

I can’t believe that it is beyond the capabilities of the Planning Officers to completely revise these plans and spread the load of the supply of new housing to include other areas suitably provisioned for development.

Kind regards,