

This development doesn't seem to bring anything back to the community besides increasing the local population. Where is the additional infrastructure to support the increased number of people?

The original plans had elements for the community (including a swimming pool and other recreational space).

The density and height of these buildings is out of scale and proportion to Welwyn Garden City. For other residents, there has been a restriction of a maximum of 5 storeys for the town. The proposal was initially for 11 storeys, which was recently changed to 10 which is not in keeping with this rule of 5.

Working with an average of 2 people per unit this equates to 255 people per hectare which is greater than many European capital cities. Based on ONS data, there are 51k residents in WGC where the developers state there 112k. This makes the proportional increase much higher and not in keeping with the population density of a Garden City.

In a town renowned for its tree-dominated skyline, these tall buildings will irreversibly change that.

Additionally - insufficient parking spaces will put pressure on surrounding areas and local schools which are already under increasing demand will become over-subscribed.

We are keen to see this site developed as it's currently an eye-sore, but these plans are not in keeping with the Welwyn Garden City town.