

The proposed new design is clearly not in keeping with the ethos of a 'Garden City'. The height and layout of the proposed increase to the high rise tower blocks will create a city housing estate as the first view of Welwyn Garden City from the train station.

Whilst the area was previously industrial, the former Shredded Wheat site married successfully with the history of our town. The protection of the grain silos is an important cultural character point for our town. The increase in height and density of these tower blocks will dwarf the silos from the majority of view points of the town, rendering their preservation virtually pointless.

The impact on sunlight and sense of space will be felt far across the heart of our town, they will produce shadows with a great reach and become a dominant feature of our skyline.

Creating a sense of claustrophobia found in cities that the idea of a leafy green, open, low rise was supposed to be an escape from.

The idea that people living in the proposed development will not bring cars is absurd. There is already an investigation by this very council about the damage of using grass verges as parking spaces is currently having across our town and this will not just worsen the problem it will have a devastating affect on it.

The sheer number of additional people being forced into that space in an area with already inadequate parking provision is clearly not acceptable.

The affect that the shadow of such tall building will have on the surrounding green space and wildlife could be large. It will create wind tunnels and noise that could also significantly affect wildlife in particular birds and bats.

I am disappointed at the delay the developers have introduced into the process of turning the site into much needed housing and amenities for our town to which they have already committed and done very little. I fear for the protection of the silos should they continue to delay rather than get on with the job they promised.