Comment for planning application 6/2021/0671/MAJ

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Location

South Side Former Shredded Wheat Factory Broadwater Road Welwyn Garden City

Proposal

Erection of 317 dwellings (Class C3) with associated access, parking, landscaping and other supporting infrastructure, and outline planning for up to 404 dwellings (Class C3) with all matters reserved for access.

Case Officer

Ms Clare Howe

Organisation
Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

The style of this development, visible to all from the train, will have a negative impact on the character and appearance of WGC. The proposed housing density is far too great and out of keeping with the town and the neighbouring existing Broadwater Road developments. The height of the blocks, some at 9 storeys, contravenes the Council's own SPD of five storeys and will completely overshadow the unique Grade 2 listed former Roche building. There are no houses with gardens, which the town actually needs. A recent check on Rightmove showed 157 flats for sale and only 41 houses, so why build 721 more flats? There is insufficient green space at ground level for residents especially as a large number of flats are intended for families with young children. Individual green space is vital to well being. Has Covid taught us nothing? A development on this scale will put unacceptable strain on local services and an already stressed water supply.

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Attachments