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CAMPUS WEST CAR PARK PROPOSALS
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I detail below my **objections and comments:**

- **Proximity to Ayot Greenway.** This is a well used country pathway which should not be overlooked by a multistorey car park. This beautiful old disused railway line is an important part of the heritage of Welwyn Garden City. It is used for runners, dog walkers, cyclists, local people and visitors to the town. Everywhere along the Greenway is beautiful woodland which is unspoilt by buildings. The only other buildings along the route are very attractive private dwellings all of which have large long gardens bordering the pathway so the houses are a lot further away from the footpath. Why should this one area be an exception? The wooded area between the existing car park and the pathway is very narrow and most of the trees are deciduous so a multistorey car park which is not an eye pleasing addition would, as it currently is, overlook the woodland path. I had a look last winter and this will definitely be the case. In addition several of the neighbouring houses were very visible from ground level let alone from one storey up. The perimeter of the car park needs to be further away from the edge of the woodland area than proposed and sufficient evergreen trees and shrubs should be planted to provide a year-round screen for the footpath and local housing.
- **Light, Pollution and Noise.** Proposed cladding to northern and western elevation is not sufficiently high enough or substantial enough to prevent noise, light and pollution for the elderly residents of Woodside House and other local neighbouring housing.
- **Security measures.** There is sometimes anti social behaviour already at the ground level car park with it being used as a racing track. There should be measures in place to prevent access to the car park at night time. Surely the car park should not be open 24/7. Who would be leaving the car park after 11pm? Why should local residents endure the resulting noise, headlights and pollution throughout the night? The impact is increased with the upper floor of the car park.
- **Upper deck.** Initially the proposal was for two floors above the ground level. We need to be sure that having allowed only one floor above ground level this will not be increased to two (or more) at some point in the future. One upper floor is very much not what local residents

want, but to increase this is totally unacceptable now or in the future. What safeguard is there for this in the current planning process?

Regards

