

Welwyn Garden City 'The High Street'

Part 1 - Introduction

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Welwyn Garden City is the 'second' Garden City in the UK established by Ebenezer Howard. The first buildings appeared in 1920 with the early shops at the same time. Expansion of the shopping was slow until well into the 30s, stabilised through to the 50s and grew further to the present day.

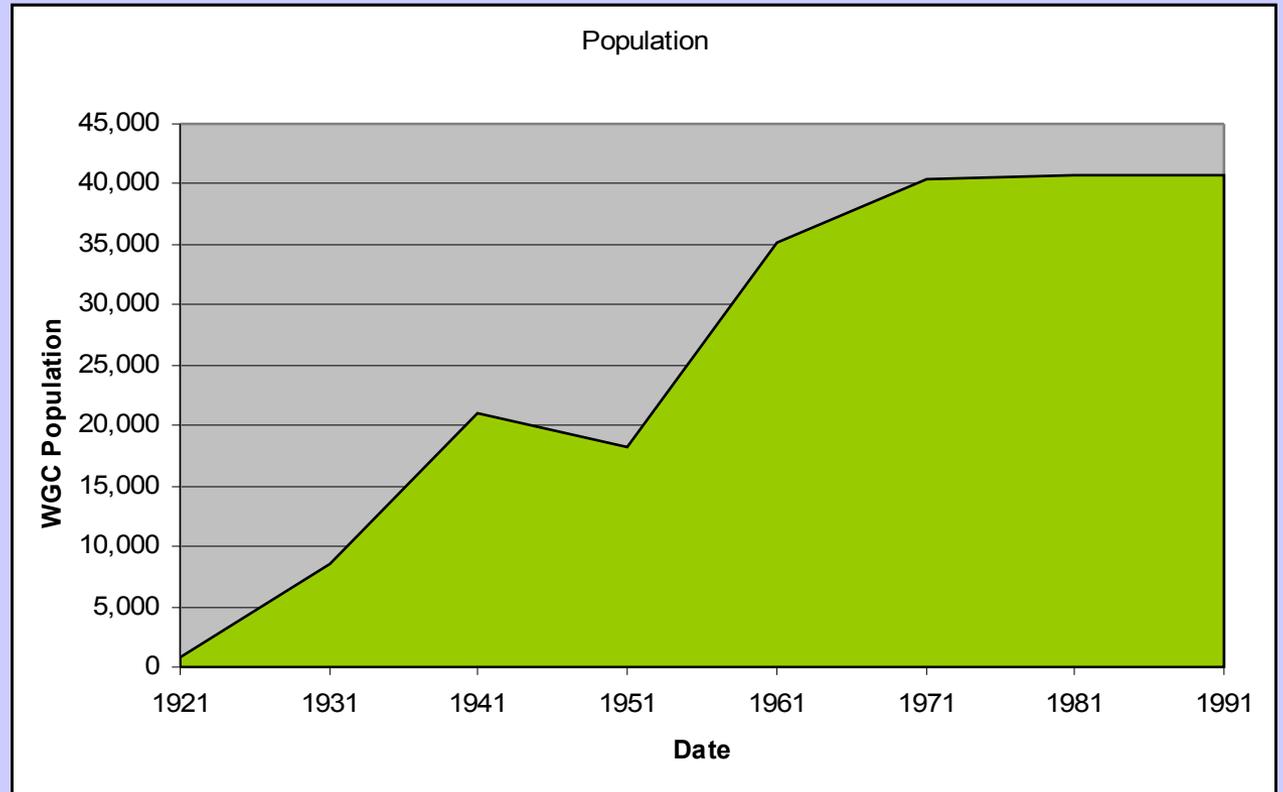
The material presented here summarises the growth of the shopping centre from it's earliest days to the present day.

Welwyn Garden City – ‘High Street’ Shops

- In the early days, the principle and only shop available was the Welwyn Stores which was established to supply most things the town's early residents would need.
 - There were a few other establishments such as banks which operated from small temporary buildings around what we now know as The Campus.
- By the late 30s, the number and variety of shops had increased significantly, though the new Welwyn Department Stores dominated.
- There was little significant change during and after World War II until well into the late 50s/early 60s
- By the early 90s, the Howard Centre was complete which dramatically changed shopping in the town.

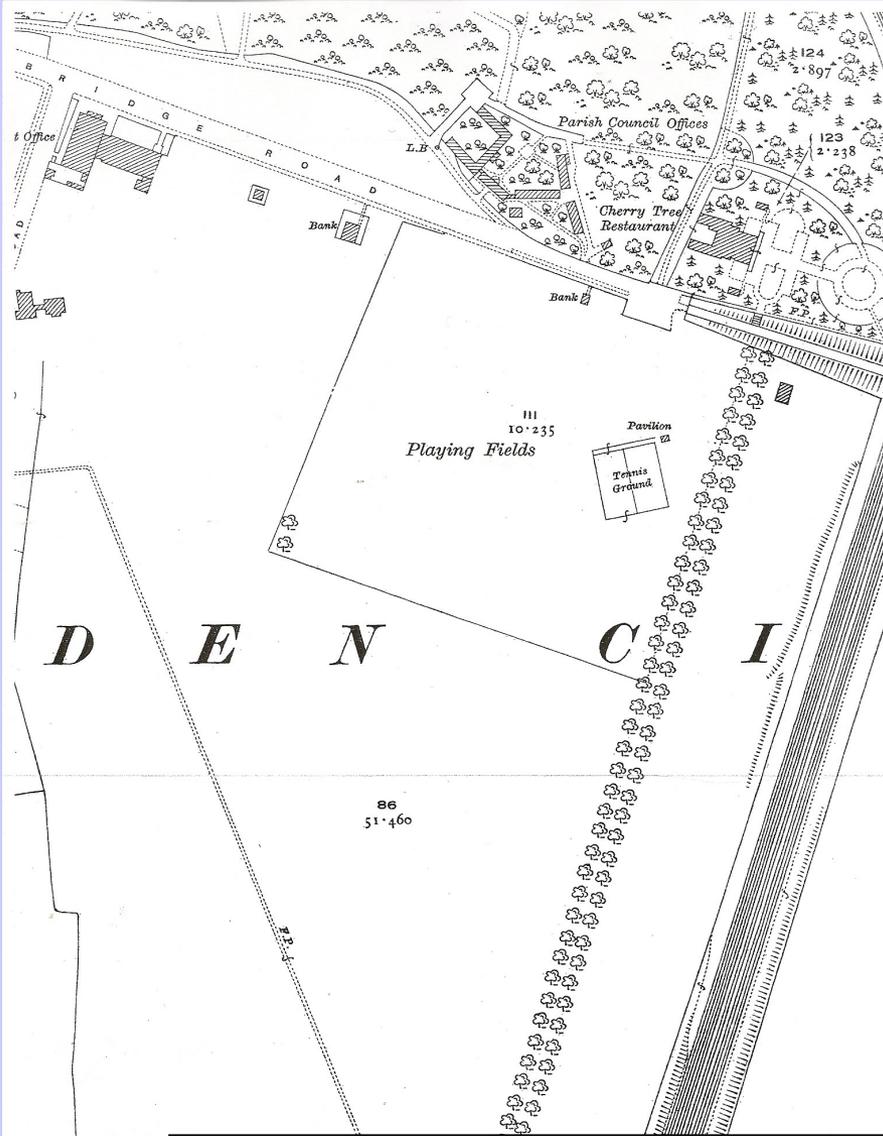
Welwyn Garden City Population Growth

Date	Population
1921	767
1931	8,586
1941	21,000
1951	18,296
1961	35,179
1971	40,451
1981	40,707
1991	40,665



- The expansion of the available and type of shops reflected the growth of the population

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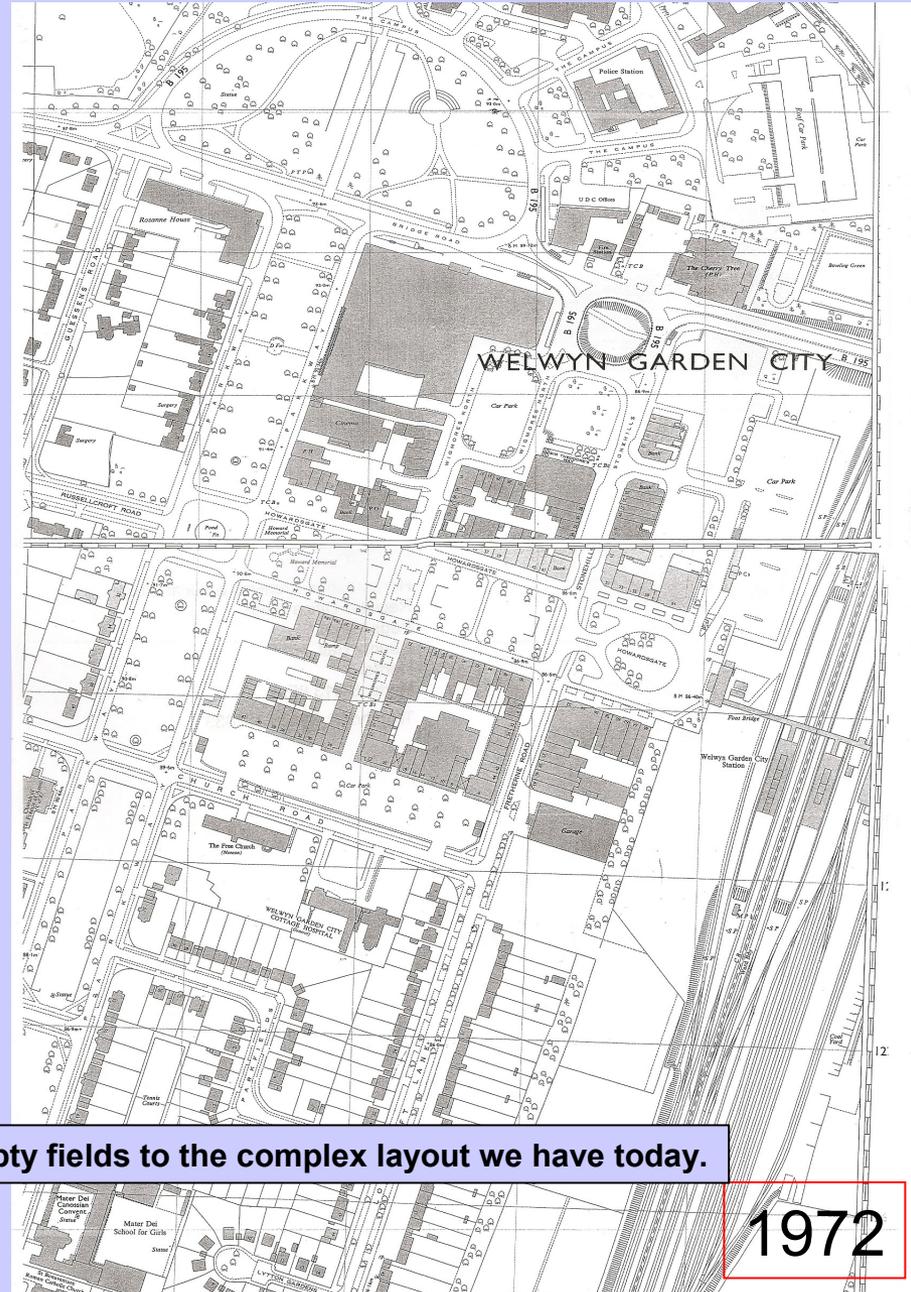
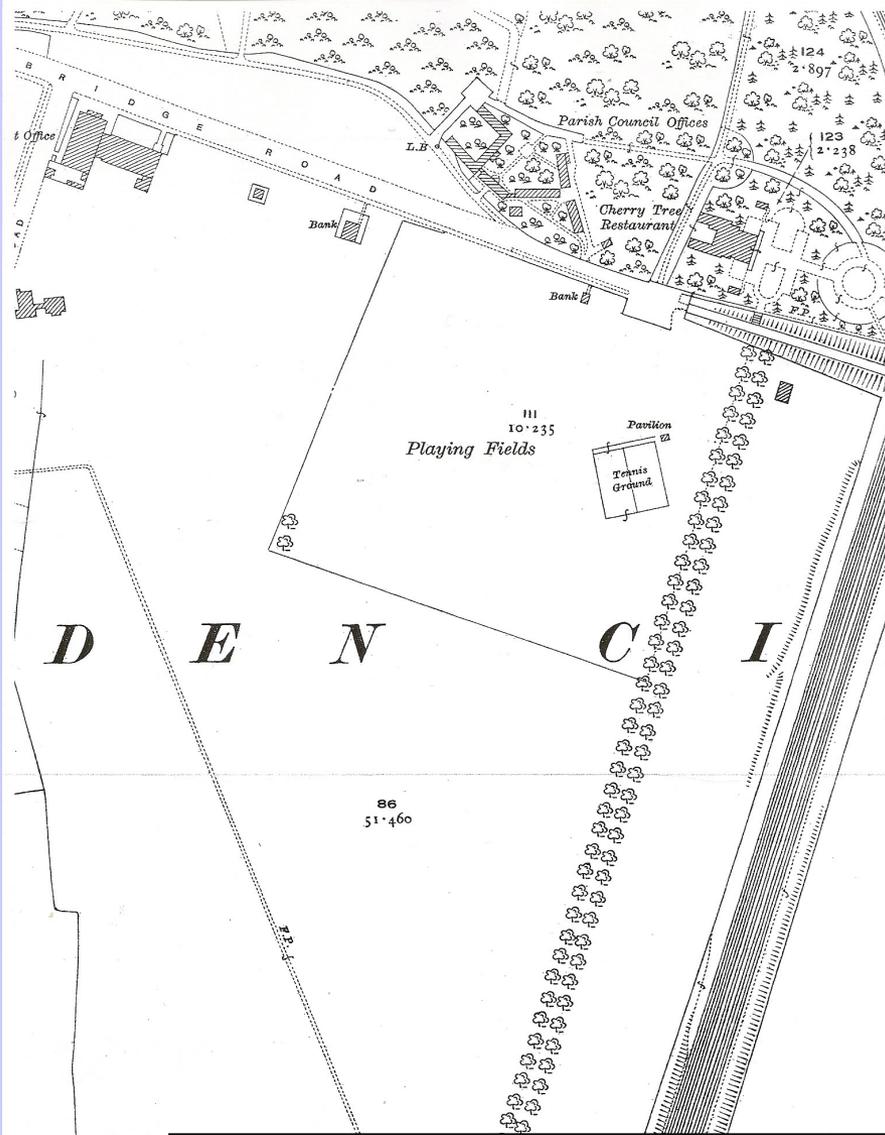
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Maps showing how the town centre grew from empty fields to the complex layout we have today.

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