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THESE are the first pictures of the controversial homes which developers want to build on the former St Margaret's Hospital site.

The overall proposal, for 351 properties, has sparked fury among local people and a campaign to fight it is well under way.

They say the plans resemble a "ghetto" and are unhappy at the proposed size of some of the apartment blocks.

Richard Burrows, managing director of Bellway Homes, told the Guardian he believed they were "well designed". But Epping Forest MP Eleanor Laing disagreed and instead branded the scheme "inappropriate and unacceptable".

Opposition has focused on the scale of the development, and fears over whether the town can cope with more residents.

But following a public display of the plans, Mr Burrows has sought to allay

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An artist's impression of one of the blocks proposed for the St Margaret's Hospital site. Inset is the entrance to the proposed 351-home development off The Plain in Epping. Pictured left is part of a Bronx 'ghetto' in New York

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