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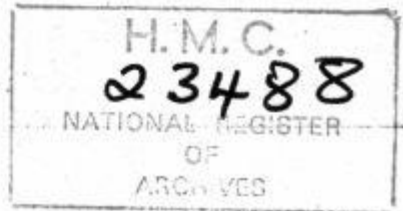
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HERTFORDSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

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Business records of Welwyn Garden City Ltd and of some of its subsidiary companies; correspondence, financial and miscellaneous papers, 1919 - 1960, deposited in April 1977 by R.J. Busby, Esq. then of Welwyn Garden City Library, on behalf of J.F. Eccles, Esq.

[Accession 1575]

Inventory compiled
September 1979

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✓ <u>Second Garden City Ltd</u>			
B1	Minutes: preliminary meeting, provisional board, board, general meetings, committees	1 vol	1919 - 1928
B2	Finance committee minutes	1 vol	1919 - 1921
B3	Development committee minutes	1 vol	1919 - 1921
B4	Agricultural committee minutes	1 vol	1919 - 1921
✓ <u>Welwyn Garden City Ltd</u>			
B5	Minutes: annual meetings	1 vol	1920 - 1949
B6-21	Minutes: board and committees	16 vols	1920 - 1949
B22	"Board Index," being index to minutes	1 vol	from 1924
✓ <u>Garden City Investments Ltd</u>			
B23	Minutes: all meetings	1 vol	1921 - 1934
✓ <u>Welwyn Stores Ltd</u>			
B24-25	Minutes: board and committee	2 vols	1921 - 1929
✓ <u>Welwyn Stores (1929) Ltd</u>			
B26-29	Minutes: board and local directors	4 vols	1929 - 1945
✓ <u>Stanborough Estate Ltd</u>			
B30	Minutes: all meetings	1 vol	1923 - 1932
✓ <u>Welwyn Public Utilities Society Ltd</u>			
B31	Minutes: general meetings	1 vol	1923 - 1934

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✓ Country Homes Ltd

B32 Minutes: all meetings 1 vol 1925 - 1946

✓ Welwyn Garden City Investments Ltd

B33 Minutes: general meetings 1 vol 1928 - 1934

✓ Digswell Nurseries Ltd

B34 Minutes: general meetings 1 vol 1939 - 1950

✓ Herts. Gravel and Brickworks Ltd

B35 Register of members 1 vol from 1939

✓ Welwyn Transport Ltd

B36 Register of members 1 vol from 1939

✓ Howardsgate Investment Trust Ltd

B37 Register of members 1 vol from 1945

✓ Welwyn Garden City Ltd

B38 Printed statutory report 1 1920

B39 Annual general meetings:
notices, agenda, correspondence,
Chairman's speeches 1 file 1929 - 1953B40 Managing Director's notes
on agenda 1 file 1945 - 1947B41 Notes taken at annual general
meetings; salary review, 1952 1 file 1939 - 1953B42 Board meetings: miscellaneous
papers 1 file 1922 - 1928

B43 Engineer's reports to Board 1 file 1920 - 1934

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Welwyn Garden City Ltd. contd

B44-45	General Manager's reports to Board	2 files	1935 - 1936 1939 - 1945
B46	Notes of discussions at Board meetings and other papers	1 file	1942 - 1950
B47	Board: statements to shareholders and other papers	1 file	1948 - 1951
B48	Correspondence concerning reconstruction of Board	1 file	1930 - 1934

Directors' Correspondence

B49-56	Correspondence of Sir Theodore Chambers, Managing Director, with co-directors etc., as follows		
B49	Sir Ebenezer Howard	1 file	1919 - 1920
B50	several	1 file	1919 - 1929
B51	Lord Desborough	1 file	1919 - 1929
B52	Samuel Smethurst	1 file	1920
B53	W T Layton	1 file	1920 - 1924
B54	Hon J J Astor	1 file	1920 - 1929
B55	Captain R L Reiss	1 file	1920 - 1932
B56	several	1 file	1923 - 1950
B57-58	Correspondence of C B Purdom	1 file	1921 - 1923

Early papers of the Company and of the garden city movement

[Several of these files have the appearance of having been artificially constructed for historical purposes]

B59	Papers, lectures, pamphlets, correspondence relating to politics, sociology, planning and other topics	1 bdl	1914 - 1935
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Early papers contd

B60	Miscellaneous papers regarding early planning and leasing of farm land	1 file	1919 - 1921
B61	Memoranda on initiating Company, copies of lease and agreement forms, Articles of Association of Welwyn Garden City Ltd	1 file	1919 - 1920
B62	Further reports, memoranda, lectures	1 file	1920
B63	Miscellaneous reports and correspondence relating to policy, finance and provision of services	1 file	1920 - 1929
B64	Reports, correspondence and other papers on development, finance, negotiations with local and national authorities	1 bdl	1920 - 1934
B65	Correspondence and other papers concerning tenancy of Handside and Brickwall Farms	1 file	1920 - 1925
B66	Papers relating to aims and early development	1 file	1921 - 1929
B67	Correspondence with New Town Trust Ltd	1 file	1920 - 1924
B68	Report on the geology of Welwyn Garden City by William Whittaker BA, FRS	1 file	1921
B69	Correspondence concerning following: unveiling of Howard Memorial, laying of foundation stone and opening of Studio, planting of "Panshanger Oak," conference at Welwyn Garden City of Council for Preservation of Rural England	1 file	1928 - 1930

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Purchase of Land

B70	Correspondence with Lord Salisbury; also correspondence on electrical supply	1 file	1921 - 1946
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Shares

B71	Correspondence and other papers relating to £1 ordinary shares	1 file	1920 - 1934
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B72	Notice as to 6% debentures	1	nd[cl923]
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B73	Correspondence with W F Dale, former shareholder and employee	1 file	1929 - 1930
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Finance

B74	Correspondence with Royds and Rawstorne and Co. File includes legal as well as financial papers	1 file	1920 - 1922
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B75	Correspondence with Royal Exchange Assurance	1 file	1928 - 1935
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B76	Correspondence and other papers relating to negotiations with Public Works Loan Board and valuation of Company property	1 bdl	1929 - 1930
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B77	Copy memorandum to Minister of Health on general and administrative expenditure of Company	1 file	1930
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B78	Correspondence with Midland Bank, financial statements and reports	1 file	1939
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Valuation of Welwyn Garden City estate

B79-81	Valuation by Sir H Trustram Eve and correspondence	3 files	1920 - 1930
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London and North Eastern Railway

B82 Correspondence and notes 1 file 1919 - 1930

Electricity Special Order

B83 Miscellaneous papers regarding making of Special Order by Electricity Commission 1 file 1921 - 1922

Conferences between Company and Welwyn Garden City Urban District Council

B84 Notices, minutes, reports and correspondence 2 files 1931 - 1935

Planning

B86 Correspondence regarding Decentralization Sub-Committee of Greater London Regional Committee 1 file 1928

B87 Royal Commission on the Distribution of Industrial Population: evidence 1 file 1938

B88-90 Correspondence with Ministry of Town and Country Planning and Ministry of Housing 3 files 1936 - 1952

B91 Ministry of Health publication: Model clauses for use in preparation of schemes 1 vol 1936

Litigation

B92 Note by counsel in re Welwyn Garden City News Ltd v Sault 1 file 1928

Welwyn Stores Ltd and Welwyn Stores (1929) Ltd

B93 Correspondence, reports and a brochure 1 file 1924 - 1960

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Welwyn Stores Ltd contd

B94	Memoranda and correspondence relating to shop policy and Welwyn Stores	1 file	1934 - 1937
B95	Articles of Association of Associated Independent Department Stores Ltd	1	1939

Designation of Welwyn Garden City as new town

B96	Papers relating to designation, appointment of Development Corporation, winding up of Company and its subsidiaries transfer of assets to Howardsgate Trust Ltd	1 file	1947 - 1949
B97	Copy reports and other papers concerning sale of property to Development Corporation	1 file	1947 - 1949
B88-89	Correspondence with Development Corporation	2 files	1948 - 1952

Negotiations with Government on development value of property sold to Development Corporation

B100	Correspondence with Central Land Board	1 file	1948
B101	Correspondence with Chancellor of the Exchequer	1 file	1948 - 1952
B102	Miscellaneous papers	1 file	1948 - 1952

Howardsgate Trust Ltd

B103	Correspondence and other papers concerning flotation of company and quotation on Stock Exchange	1 file	1949 - 1950
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Howardsgate Trust Ltd contd

B104	Correspondence with and concerning Welwyn Garden City Community Trust Ltd	1 file	1949 - 1951
B105-6	Sale of Lockleys and Tewin Water estates	2 files	1952 - 1957

Welwyn Electricity Installations Ltd

B107	Correspondence with Eastern Electricity Board	1 file	1950 - 1951
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Miscellaneous

B108	General speeches and a pamphlet	4	1931, 1941, n.d.
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APPENDIX

D/EEs

List of principal company records contained in inventories
D/EEs and D/EFf, arranged alphabetically.

ASSOCIATED WELWYN SERVICES	D/EFf B65 ✓
COUNTRY HOMES	D/EEs B32 ✓
DANESBURY PROPERTIES	D/EFf B66-69 ✓
DIGSWELL NURSERIES	D/EEs B34 ✓ D/EFf B45-6 ✓
FACTORY BUILDINGS	D/EFf B59-62 ✓
WELWYN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS	
WELWYN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS (Holdings)	
GARDEN CITY HOUSES	D/EFf B54 ✓
GARDEN CITY INVESTMENTS	D/EEs B23 ✓
HALL AND BARTHOLOMEW	D/EFf B44 ✓
HANDSIDE HOUSES	D/EFf B38-39 ✓
HERTS GRAVEL AND BRICK WORKS	D/EEs B35 ✓ D/EFf B72-75 ✓
HILL AND SIMMONS	D/EFf B101
HOWARDSGATE TRUST	D/EEs B37 ✓
HOWARDSGATE INVESTMENT TRUST }	D/EFf B90-99 ✓
MOAT WOOD HOUSES	D/EFf B55 ✓
NEW TOWN AGRICULTURAL GUILD	D/EFf B36 ✓
NEW TOWN HOUSING	D/EFf B35 ✓
PIONEER TRUST	D/EFf B32-35 ✓
PLAYHOUSES	D/EFf B63-64 ✓
SECOND GARDEN CITY	D/EEs B1-4 ✓
SHERRARDS WOOD PROPERTIES	D/EFf B53 ✓
STANBOROUGH ESTATE	D/EEs B30 ✓
UTILITY INVESTMENTS	D/EFf B56 ✓
WELWYN BRICKWORKS	D/EFf B37 ✓

WELWYN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS		
WELWYN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS (Holdings):		
	See FACTORY BUILDINGS	✓
WELWYN COUNTRY HOUSES	D/EFf	B82-83 ✓
WELWYN ELECTRICITY INSTALLATION	D/EFf	B84-85 ✓
WELWYN GARDEN CITY	D/EEs	B5-21 ✓
	D/EFf	B1-26
WELWYN GARDEN CITY ELECTRICAL SUPPLY	D/EFf	B86 ✓
WELWYN GARDEN CITY INVESTMENTS	D/EEs	B33 x
	D/EFf	B58
WELWYN GARDEN CITY NEWS	D/EFf	B57 ✓
WELWYN HOTELS	D/EFf	B87-88 ✓
WELWYN PLAYING FIELDS	D/EFf	B47 ✓
WELWYN PUBLIC UTILITY SOCIETY	D/EEs	B31 ✓
	D/EFf	B40-43 ✓
WELWYN STORES	D/EEs	B24-25 ✓
WELWYN STORES (1929)	D/EEs	B26-29 ✓
	D/EFf	B76-77
WELWYN STORES PENSION FUND	D/EFf	B79
WELWYN TRANSPORT	D/EEs	B36
	D/EFf	B48-51 ✓

A further deposit of the records of Welwyn Garden City, made in 1982 by J F Eccles, Esq. and transferred to this office by the County Library, Welwyn Garden City. [Accession 1932]

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Howardsgate Investment Trust Ltd

B109	Minutes: board and sealing and allotments sub-committee. Volume also includes minutes of an extraordinary general meeting	1 vol	1932-1938
B110	Minutes: board and sealing and allotments sub-committee	1 vol	1938-1950

Howardsgate Trust Ltd

B111	Minutes: general meetings, annual and extraordinary	1 vol	1949-1954
B112	Minutes: board and sealing and allotments sub-committee	1 vol	1950-1952
B113	Minutes: board	1 vol	1952-1957

Welwyn Stores (1929) Ltd

B114	Minutes: board and sealing and allotments sub-committee	1 vol	1945-1949
B115	Minutes: board and sealing and allotments sub-committee	1 vol	1949-1951
B116	Minutes: board and sealing and allotments sub-committee	1 vol	1951-1953

Unnamed company (probably Welwyn Garden City Ltd)

B117	Staff Register	1 vol	1919-1946
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Sir Theodore Chambers

B118-125	Chairman's Confidential files of correspondence, reports etc. [These files cover extensively the period of the formation of the Welwyn Garden City Development Corporation]	8 files	1935-1954
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Business records and Deeds of The Pioneer Trust, Welwyn Garden City Ltd. and their related companies, 1918-1960, deposited in 1966 and 1987 by Fine Fare Ltd., Welwyn Garden City

[Accession nos. 1099, 2252, 2269]

Inventory compiled
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August 1990
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INTRODUCTION

Brief notes on the companies whose records are here listed are appended below. It will be noticed that main records of the principal company, Welwyn Garden City Limited, have not been deposited and in consequence it has not been possible with any certainty to describe the exact relationship between it and its satellites.

Welwyn Garden City Ltd. [See B1-31] Incorporated in 1921 on the inspiration of Ebenezer Howard, the founder of Letchworth Garden City, supported by a team of enthusiasts and businessmen, including Sir Theodore Chambers. From the beginning F J Osborn, later Sir Frederick Osborn, was Secretary.

Pioneer Trust Ltd. [See B32-34] A separate organisation registered in 1918. Unable to find a site suitable for the foundation of its ideal settlement, the directors joined forces in 1921 with W G C Ltd. The following year the name was changed to New Towns Trust Ltd. By 1932 W G C Ltd. had a controlling interest in the Trust which became a limited company in 1934, having transferred its holdings of W G C Ltd. shares and stock to the central holding company, Howardsgate Trust.

New Town Housing Ltd. [See B35] A subsidiary of New Towns Trust registered in 1921 which, having sold its remaining houses to existing tenants, was dissolved in 1923.

New Town Agricultural Guild. [See B36] A subsidiary of New Towns Trust formed in 1921. In 1924 it took over Digswell Lodge and Digswell Water Farms from Hall and Bartholomew [See below]. Management was handed over to New Towns Trust in 1925 and the next year the society became Welwyn Dairy Farms Ltd. After sale of assets and liquidation by the parent company of its debts, Welwyn Dairy Farms, which had been hit by the general agricultural slump, was voluntarily wound up in 1930.

Welwyn Brick Works Ltd. [See B37] Registered in 1921 and amalgamated with Herts. Gravel and Brick Works Ltd. in 1929.

Handside Houses Ltd. [See B38-39] Registered in 1920. Financed largely by loans from the Public Works Loans Board and developing land leased by W G C Ltd., it paid the parent company 5% of rents collected. Amalgamated in 1946 with County Houses Ltd. under the name of Welwyn Country Houses Ltd., all assets were transferred to the new company.

Welwyn Public Utility Society Ltd. [See B40-43] Another development company registered in 1920. Building on land leased by W G C Ltd., it was largely financed by loans from Welwyn RDC. In 1927 the Ministry of Public Works disapproved of the society's intention to build houses beyond 'strictly local demand.' In 1928 it was amalgamated with Moat Wood Houses, Sherrardswood Properties and Garden City Houses [see below] with capital and increased borrowing powers amounting to £100,000. After surviving the financial difficulties of the period of slump, it was incorporated as a limited company in 1934 preparatory to being taken over by W G C Ltd.

Hall and Bartholomew Ltd. [See B44] Company floated in 1920 to farm Digswell Lodge and Digswell Water Farms as tenants of W G C Ltd. The farms were sold to New Town Trust in 1924 and the company went into voluntary liquidation in 1929.

Digswell Nurseries Ltd. [See B45-46] Formed in 1921 largely to supply developers with trees and shrubs. Though commercially successful, the company appears to have been the victim of vagaries of administration and extraordinarily complicated accounting on the part of the parent company, W G C Ltd. It went into voluntary liquidation in 1949 and its business was sold to the Welwyn Garden City Development Corporation.

Welwyn Playing Fields Ltd. [See B47] Formed in 1921, wound up in 1923.

Welwyn Transport Ltd. [See B48-51] Registered in 1922, it operated a light railway and road transport for the delivery of materials to building contractors, road making materials, coal etc., to work a gravel pit and to retail petrol. It later leased vehicles to Welwyn Stores. Incorporated as a limited company in 1941. In 1951 Welwyn Stores gained a controlling interest in the company which was voluntarily wound up in 1954.

Welwyn Garden City Consultative Council [See B52]

No information regarding the constitution of this council has been discovered.

Sherrardswood Properties Ltd., Garden City Houses Ltd., Moat Wood Houses Ltd. [See B53-55] Registered in 1924, 1924 and 1925, these were development companies amalgamated in 1928 with Welwyn Public Utility Society Ltd. under the name of the last-named company.

Utility Investment Ltd. [See B56] Registered in 1926, it confined its operations to investments of 'social utility'. It went into liquidation in 1933, finally making distributions to its share-holders amounting to 12/11½d in the £.

Welwyn Garden City News Ltd. [See B57] Registered in 1924; published Welwyn Garden City News (later Welwyn News) and a year book. It was voluntarily wound up in 1928.

Welwyn Garden City Investments Ltd. [See B58] Registered in 1926. Assets transferred to Howardsgate Investment Trust in 1934.

Factory Buildings Ltd. [See B59-62] Date of registration not known because early minute books not deposited. The name was changed to Commercial Buildings Ltd. in 1929 and to Welwyn Commercial Buildings (Holdings) Ltd. in 1931. The company went into voluntary liquidation in 1949.

Playhouses Ltd. [See B13-64] This company ran the Welwyn Theatre both as cinema and live theatre at a steady loss. The cinema was sold in 1936 and the company wound up in the same year; the surplus from the sale was credited to W G C Ltd Loan Account to offset the company's debts.

Associated Welwyn Services Ltd. [See B65] It is not known when this company was either registered or wound up. Its main functions appear to have been the selling of horticultural sundries, egg-packing and the manufacture of hurdles, garden furniture etc.

Danesbury Properties Ltd. [See B66-71] A development company incorporated in 1948 to take over Lockleys and Tewin Water estates from W G C Ltd. and the Danesbury estate from Howardsgate Investment Trust. It went into voluntary liquidation in 1957.

Herts. Gravel and Brickworks Ltd. [See B72-75] Registered in 1925; became limited company in 1939. Gravel pits were closed down in 1941. The company was voluntarily wound up in 1950.

Welwyn Stores (1929) Ltd. [See B76-77] The company was sold to Associated British Foods in c 1953.

Welwyn Country Houses Ltd. [See B82-83] An amalgamation of Handside Houses and Country Houses, it was registered in 1946 and went into voluntary liquidation in 1949.

Welwyn Electricity Installations Ltd. [See B84-85] A successor to Welwyn Electricity Supply Co. which was nationalised, it was registered in 1946. It went into voluntary liquidation in 1950 after sale of business and goodwill to the Eastern Electricity Board.

Welwyn Hotels Ltd. [See B86] Registered in 1947 and voluntarily wound up in 1952 after assigning Guessens Court Hotel and Handside Farmhouse to Danesbury Properties.

Howardsgate Properties Ltd. [See B100] This was presumably intended to succeed Howardsgate Investment Trust but it appears not to have begun operations at all, although incorporated as a limited company in 1953.

Howardsgate Investment Trust Ltd. (Extract from rules)

The objects of the Society are -

- (a) to carry on the business of an investment and finance Society.
- (b) To buy, hold, sell, exchange or otherwise deal in Shares, Debentures, Stocks and other investments in any Company registered under the Companies Act or Society registered under the Industrial & Provident Societies Acts.
- (c) To buy, hold, sell, exchange or otherwise deal in Land, Houses, Industrial & Commercial premises and shop properties of every description both leasehold and freehold and to that end to enter into engagements, building agreements and leases of any description to Mortgage or accept Mortgages on any such properties and to let any such properties to tenants on any terms.

Welwyn Builders and Joiners

The objects of the Society are -

- (a) To carry on the industries, trades or businesses of Builders, Joiners, Decorators, Cabinet-makers and General Contractors.
- (b) To undertake all branches of supply whether as Merchant, Manufacturer, or Transporter.
- (c) The Society shall have power to do all such things as are directly or indirectly incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the power to purchase, hold, sell, exchange, mortgage, rent, lease, sub-lease, surrender, accept surrender of and deal with lands of any tenure and to erect, pull down, repair, alter, or otherwise deal with any building thereon.

Welwyn Stores Limited

The objects of the Society are -

- (a) To build, erect, construct, decorate, furnish, equip, fit up and maintain general stores in Welwyn Garden City or elsewhere, and to convert, alter, reconstruct, rebuild and improve any of the same respectively as from time to time may be deemed expedient.
- (b) To carry on in such stores and buildings and at any other place or places within the United Kingdom or elsewhere, the business (both wholesale and retail) of a Co-operative Store and General Supply Society in all its branches and to transact all kinds of agency business.
- (c) To buy, sell, manufacture, repair, alter and exchange, let on hire, export and deal in all kinds of articles and things which may be required for the purposes of any of the said businesses, or commonly supplied or dealt in by persons engaged in any such businesses, or which may seem capable of being profitably dealt with in connection with any of the said businesses.
- (d) To grant to ticket holders and others any special privileges and advantages and to make arrangements with persons engaged in any trade, business or profession for the concession to the Society's members, ticket holders and their friends, of any special privileges or advantages.

Notes made during the preparation of this inventory are preserved in the Record Office.

Another deposit of papers of a more personal nature relating to Sir Ebenezer Howard and his work is to be found under Hertfordshire Record Office reference D/EHo.

A deposit of plans made by Louis de Soissons in the 1920s and 1930s showing the different kinds of housing used in Welwyn Garden City during its construction can be found in D/EX 618.

BUSINESS PAPERSWelwyn Garden City Ltd

B1-17	Sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	17 vols	1921 - 1951
B18	Management committee No.11: minutes	1 vol	1928
B19	General purposes and management committee No.1: index to minutes	1 vol	n.d.
B20-23	Register of share transfers	4 vols	1938 - 1950
B24-26	Share ledger	3 vols	c 1936 - 1950
B27	Register of employees with their salaries	1 vol	1920 - 1921
B28	Register of commercial tenants with terms of and restrictions on, their tenancies	1 vol	1931 - 1935
B29	Memorandum book concerning buildings, finance etc	1 vol	n.d.
B30	Plans of houses and sites	1 vol	n.d.
B31	Index of blocks: views of houses, factories etc.	1 vol	n.d.
B102	Welwyn Garden City Ltd: details of repayments of capital to shareholders on the voluntary liquidation of the company (1st repayment)	1 vol	1950
B103	Welwyn Garden City Ltd: details of repayments of capital to shareholders on the voluntary liquidation of the company (2nd and final repayment)	1 vol	1952
B104	Letter to shareholders concerning the company's liquidation	1	1950
B105	Certificate of Incorporation [includes Certificate of Registration of Order of Court and the rules of the Welwyn Stores Ltd 1921]	5	1920 - 1934
B106	Building Agreement between Welwyn Garden City Ltd and Welwyn Stores Ltd for Bridge Road East	1	1926
B107	Monopoly Agreement between Welwyn Garden City Ltd and Welwyn Stores Ltd	3	1921 - 1929
B108	Office copy of the order sanctioning the scheme of arrangement in relation to the Companies Act (1929)	1	[c.1929]
B109	Mortgage of 1.834a of land fronting on to Bridge Road, Parkway and Great Wigmores	1	1938

BUSINESS PAPERSWelwyn Garden City Limited (cont)

B110	Mortgage of 2.9a of land fronting on to Bridge Road, Parkway and Wigmores North	1	1949
B111	Copy of order sanctioning the scheme of arrangement of the Welwyn Garden City Ltd., the New Town Trust Ltd and the Welwyn Public Utility Trust Ltd in relation to the Companies Act 1929	2	1934

Pioneer Trust Limited (later New Town Trust Limited)

B32-34	Board of directors, general meetings and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	3 vols	1918 - 1934
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New Town Trust Limited

[See also B111 above]

B112	Certificate of Incorporation	1	1934
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New Town Housing Limited

B35	Committee of management and general meetings: minutes	1 vol	1921 - 1923
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New Town Agricultural Guild (later Welwyn Dairy Farms Limited)

B36	Board of directors and general meetings: minutes	1 vol	1923 - 1930
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Welwyn Brick Works Limited

B37	Board of directors and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	1 vol	1922 - 1929
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Handside Houses Limited (later Country Houses Limited)

B38-39	Board of directors, allotments and sealing sub-committee, tenant members sub-committee: minutes	2 vols	1920 - 1946
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[See also B82-83 below]

BUSINESS PAPERSWelwyn Public Utility Society Limited

[See also B111 above]

B40-43	Board of directors and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	4 vols	1920 - 1934
B113	Certificate of Incorporation	1	1934

Hall and Bartholomew Limited

B44	Board of directors and general meetings; minutes	1 vol	1920 - 1930
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Digswell Nurseries Limited

B45	Board of directors, general meetings and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	1 vol	1921 - 1950
B46	Register of members and share ledger	1 vol	1939 - 1949

Welwyn Playing Fields Limited

B47	Board of directors and general meetings: minutes	1 vol	1921 - 1923
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Welwyn Transport Limited

B48-50	Board of directors, general meetings and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	3 vols	1922 - 1955
B51	General meetings: minutes	1 vol	1923 - 1954

Welwyn Garden City Consultative Council

B52	Council and sub-committees: minutes	1 vol	1922 - 1926
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Sherrardswood Properties Limited

B53	Board of directors and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	1 vol	1924 - 1928
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Garden City Houses Limited

B54	Board of directors and sealing and allotment sub-committee: minutes	1 vol	1924 - 1928
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BUSINESS PAPERSMoat Wood Houses Limited

B55	Board of directors, general meetings and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	1 vol	1925 - 1928
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[NB The above three companies, Sherrardswood Properties, Garden City Houses and Moat Wood Houses, were merged in 1928 with Welwyn Public Utility Society Limited. See B40-43 above]

Utility Investments Limited

B56	Board of directors, general meetings and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	1 vol	1926 - 1934
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Welwyn Garden City News Limited

B57	Board of directors and general meetings: minutes	1 vol	1924 - 1928
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Welwyn Garden City Investments Limited

B58	Board of directors, general meetings and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	1 vol	1926 - 1934
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Factory Buildings Limited (later Welwyn Commercial Buildings Limited, later Welwyn Commercial Buildings (Holdings) Limited)

B59	General meetings: minutes	1 vol	1927 - 1950
B60-61	Register of members and share ledger	2 vols	c 1927 - 1947
B62	Register of share transfers	1 vol	c 1947 - 1949

Playhouses Limited

B63-64	Board of directors, general meetings and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	2 vols	1927 - 1936
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Associated Welwyn Services Limited

B65	Board of directors and general meetings: minutes	1 vol	1928 - 1935
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BUSINESS PAPERSDanesbury Properties Limited

B66-68	Board of directors, general meetings and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	3 vols	1948 - 1960
B69	Register of members and share ledger	1 vol	1948 - 1954
B70	Memorandum of articles of association	6	1948
B71	Repair accounts for individual properties	1 vol	n.d.

Herts. Gravel and Brickworks Limited

B72-75	Board of directors, general meetings and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	4 vols	1925 - 1950
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Welwyn Stores (1929) Limited

B76-77	Registers of members and share ledgers	2 vols	1930 - 1953
B114	Acquisition of Welwyn Stores Ltd by Welwyn Stores (1929) Ltd	1	1929
B115	Certificate of Incorporation with related papers	1 bdl	1929 - 1944

Welwyn Department Store Limited

B78	Memorandum of articles of association	3	1952
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Welwyn Stores Limited Pension Fund

B79	Trustees and members meetings: minutes	1 vol	1925 - 1928
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Publicity Sub-Committee

B80	Minutes	1 vol	1937 - 1957
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Park House Sports Club

B81	General committee: minutes	1 vol	1946 - 1955
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Welwyn Country Houses Limited

B82	Board of directors, general meetings and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes	1 vol	1946 - 1950
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BUSINESS PAPERS

B83 Register of share transfers 1 vol 1945 - 1949
 [See also B38-39 for papers of predecessor company]

Welwyn Electricity Installations Limited

B84 Board of directors, general meetings and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes 1 vol 1946 - 1951
 B85 Register of members and share ledger 1 vol 1947 - 1949

Welwyn Garden City Electrical Supply Company Limited

B86 Register of share transfers 1 vol 1936 - 1948

Welwyn Hotels Limited

B87 Board of directors, general meetings and sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes 1 vol 1947 - 1952
 B88 Register of members and share ledger 1 vol 1947 - 1949

Welco Benefit Society

B89 Register of members 1 vol 1947 - 1954

Howardsgate Trust Limited and Howardsgate Investment Trust Limited

B90-91 Sealing and allotments sub-committee: minutes 2 vols 1950 - 1957
 B92-95 Registers of share transfers 4 vols c.1950 - 1957
 B96-99 Share ledgers 4 vols c.1950 - 1954

Howardsgate Properties Limited

B100 Memorandum of articles of association 3 1953

Hill and Simmons Limited

B101 Board of directors: minutes 1 vol 1936 - 1950

Welwyn Commercial Buildings Ltd

B116 Mortgage of New Stores building in Bridge Road 2 1940

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B117	Agreement with Welwyn Stores (1929) Ltd as to hot water supply, 15 Cole Green Lane (Plot L1461)	1	1938
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Howardsgate Investment Trust Ltd

B118	Rules Model C	1	1928
B119	Certificate of Incorporation [Includes Special Resolution and Certificate authorising change of name from Howardsgate Investment Trust Ltd to Howardsgate Trust Ltd]	1 bdl	1939 - 1949

Welwyn Builders and Joiners Ltd

B120	Rules	1 bdl	1921 - 1924
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Welwyn Garden City Development Corporation

B121	Chairman's Resolution and Statement	1 bdl	1948
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TITLE DEEDS

T1	Copy conveyance including plans: R Neall to Welwyn Garden City Ltd of the Lockleys Estate (Digswell and Welwyn)	1 vol	1936
T2	Duplicate conveyance including plans: Welwyn Garden City Ltd to Welwyn Garden City Development Corporation of properties in Welwyn Garden City	1 vol	1949
T3	Duplicate conveyance including plans: Welwyn Garden City Ltd to Hatfield Development Corporation	1	1950

Welwyn Stores Ltd

T4	Lease of part of Peartree Road (Plot L715]	3	1925 - 1935
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T5	Lease of premises known as the Knella and Peartree Stores (Plots L1253, L861-B)	7	1929 - 1936
T6	Lease of premises in Handside Lane (Plots L1252-A)	2	1935; 1947

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T7	Lease of premises in Handside Lane (Plots L1252-A)	5	1935 - 1948
T8	Lease of shop premises in Heronswood Road and Bridge Road East. (Plots :1253-A)	4	1935 - 1950

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T9	Lease of shop premises in Peartree Lane (Plot L861B)	4	1936 - 1947
T10	Lease of shop premises 15, Cole Green Lane (Plot L1461)	2	1938
T11	Lease of shop premises 15, Cole Green Lane (Plot L1461)	4	1938 - 1948
T12	Lease of departmental store in Bridge Road and Parkway	1	1940
T13	Lease of Plot L1401 [includes plans of the department store by Louis de Soissons FRIBA]	2	1940
T14	Lease of office premises Plot L1401A	2	1940 - 1947
T15	Assignment of Knella Branch Stores and Peartree Branch Stores (Plots L1253, L861-B)	1	1948

Howardsgate Holdings Ltd

T16	5-6 Market Place, Hertford [this was a property held by Howardsgate Holdings Ltd]	4	1947 - 1957
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Howardsgate Properties Ltd

T17	Lease of Welwyn Stores on Parkway, Bridge Road and Wigmores North (Plots L1041A-B, L1639]	2	1948; 1953
T18	Assignment of land on Marsden Road, Handside Lane, Parkway, Howardsgate and Gt Wigmores	1	1953

Welwyn Garden City Ltd

T19	Grant of easement relating to Bridge Road, Parkway and Gt Wigmores and conveyance of land in Parkway, Howardsgate and Wigmores North for Post Office and Telephone Exchange	3	1938 - 1940
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