

## Epping Forest District Council Representations to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

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### Letter or Email Response:

I am writing on behalf of my wife and myself to voice our concerns about the proposed development of community spaces in Debden. We have lived in our house since 1981, bringing our children up here. We were first attracted by the open spaces in the area, particularly Jessel Green, on the opposite side of the road, on which our children played for many years. It's a space still enjoyed by people with children, dog walkers and joggers. Three times in the last few months its been used to land the Air Ambulance, being the largest usable space in the area. I would also like to say that, as far as I know, there is an underground stream under the field at the Westall Road end of the Green. If I am correct any development in this area would make the area between this and Willingale Road more liable to flooding, this would be very worrying for the people living in that area and increase the price of house insurance to all residents in the area. The area is already quite congested with insufficient parking for the present residents. The public transport is being reduced with the termination of the 167 bus at Loughton Station. School places are at a premium. As parents with children moving from primary to secondary education at the time of the shambles caused by closing local schools and building homes on those sites, and the consequent shortage of school places, led to the decision to build Debden Park School and the difficulties suffered by the students who first attended the school, I am also concerned at the problems of building over 400 Family homes (as well as the flats that are being built in Rectory Lane already) will cause further major shortage of school places. There are not enough doctors for the present population and it can take weeks to get an appointment to see one. Home care for people needing it is stretched to the limit and our (not so) local hospitals are finding it difficult to cope. There are many parts of Debden where parking has become a problem and a danger. Commuters being forced to park on the street due to insufficient station parking, often causing obstruction. The building of the retail park has caused parking space in Langston Road being drastically reduced and Oakwood Hill being turned into an inadequate and at times dangerous car park. Until the local infrastructure is improved any major development is going to reduce quality of life for those living in the area and people moving into the area will find the lack of amenities very difficult.

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