

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

I am extremely concerned with the draft local housing plan, in particular the proposal to build on our green spaces and the lack of provision of amenities, which are already stretched. I am particularly concerned with the plan to build on JESSEL GREEN; this green area is surrounded by housing streets one of them being where I live. As a father of three young boys I cannot stress how much of an invaluable resource this is, to be able to have some green space a short walk away. We use this space weekly to run around on, play football, picnic and learn to ride bikes; it is a vital recreational site for the residents and many children of Debden. Where else do they have to be able to do this? It's such a simple thing, it's a patch of open green space yet it provides a much needed break from the hustle and bustle around us, ensuring a balance and healthy mental well being as well as bringing the community together. JESSEL GREEN is used by the community individually and as a group, the summer stay and play events for children were great and had a huge turn out as well as it's a knock out event, it also has so much more potential. The thought of this simple pleasure being taken away from us and being replaced by buildings is heartbreaking and will be turning suburban Loughton into an overpopulated part of London. The needs of the residents that currently live in the area need to be taken into consideration, there is already a considerable amount of development going on around Debden and it seems to be bearing the brunt of the housing plans. I would ask realistically, how many of the homes built by the private companies will be affordable for the people that need them. How much finance do the council have to provide for the amenities of these extra households? Schools and doctors are already stretched and the traffic congestion is already considerable there is also very little parking in the area and police resources are also stretched. The properties that will have to be built to meet the number proposed will not be the types of properties required by families but will be high rise flats, so where will the children that inevitably will be living there play if you use the green sites. Ideally new towns need to be created and I believe this seriously needs to be considered before our green spaces and car parks are built on. However there are also brown field sites that seem to have not been taken into account such as the Clintons site on the industrial area. I sincerely hope you listen to the concerns of the residents.

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