

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sir/Madam Re: Epping Forrest District Council Draft Local Plan I write to you in response to the Epping Forrest District Council Draft Local Plan. Specifically, the proposals to build on our green spaces, including Jessel Green and Rochford Green. My family moved to Loughton 3 years ago, attracted to the area because of its open green spaces and village feel. Jessel Green and Rochford Green ....Redacted.... from the moment I moved in I have been using these green spaces often to walk my dog. Both greens are very popular places for the local community and are well used for family picnics, dog walking, outdoor games, sporting activities and community events. They are places where neighbours, friends and communities frequently gather and our local community would be infinitely poorer if they were lost. Additionally, I fear that there would be increased problems in our local area if these green are built on. The roads around the greens are already busy, with barely enough parking spaces for existing residents, exacerbated by many homes not having their own off street parking. The Central Line is already at capacity and struggling to cope without adding more commuters into the mix. We have increasing problems with litter and anti-social behaviour (including public drug dealing/taking) in our area already, and I have no doubt that these problems will only increase if new housing is built, especially as I am sure there will be insufficient, if any, additional money available to address these issues. If new housing must be built, there are already swathes of poorly utilised land in the area, including brownfield sites, which could be used for this purpose instead. Using this land would have much less of a negative impact on the existing community. Or surely creating new garden villages is a real possibility, as other districts are already planning to do. Is there any reason why Epping Forest District Council isn't doing this? We need MORE public open green spaces in our area, not less. What we have is only just adequate for the existing population. Much of the open green space in the area is private land that we are unable to access, or it is too hilly to be accessible to everyone or for specific events/purposes. Open green spaces are proven to be beneficial for communities. Having the space to exercise, to walk, to talk with neighbours, to think - it all leads to happier, healthier and friendly neighbourhoods. They are invaluable resources essential to everyone. I don't want my area to lose this village feel and implore you to NOT build on our green spaces. I especially implore upon you to leave Jessel Green and Rochford Green as they are. They should be protected spaces for us all to enjoy now and long into the future. Thank you for your consideration. Yours Sincerely  
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