

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Planning Team Proposed Housing Development on Jessel Green, Loughton We add our names to, undoubtedly, a long list of people concerned about the above development. Although we understand the need for affordable housing nationally, we strongly object to large areas of "green land" being acquired piecemeal by developers who are unsympathetic to local needs and views. We (both in our 70's) personally have used for over 40 years, and still use Jessel Green quite regularly for exercise, dog-walking, and for enjoying time with children/grandchildren. Aesthetically, mounting the hill to survey the view over the surrounding landscape gives us pleasure - and has enhanced our visual joy on many a Guy Fawkes Night. Added to this personal, pleasurable use is our attendance at various social events put on by, and for the local community. There will be other arguments put forth objecting to the spoiling of Jessel Green, concerning: health and leisure curtailment, shortage of local school places, overcrowding of medical facilities, traffic and parking problems, size and architecture of the new-builds, etc., all of which worry the locals. They have reason to be worried! Other local structures given planning permission (it seems, mainly by non-local councilors or appointees) have offended the eye, will, and sensibilities of local residents. Although we do not hold a "NIMBY" attitude, we understand there are other "brown-site" options for Epping Forest's building quota which should be seriously considered, as well as the "new garden village" option. We trust that, as our representatives, you will put a strict limit upon the destruction of valued green spaces.

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