

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Councillor Leon Girling Ref: Deben - Jessell Green Housing Plans I am writing to raise my opposition to Epping Forest District Council's plan to build new housing on Debden Green. The reasons for my opposition to this plan are as follows: Although situated close to Epping Forest, unless you are able to travel to the forest there is little in the way of open space within the current housing estates in Debden. I chose this area to live as the open space and hill on Jessell Green are a refreshing oasis in this estate, the hill and open space this gives supports my mental well being and is a key part of this community, for example the hill is a great space for children to play, especially during the winter months when snow creates a natural sledging run which is joyful to see. I have loved sharing this experience with my own children and their friends. I am also a dog owner and the green is not only a great place to exercise my dogs but an excellent place for dogs and owners to meet socially. If this area is not safeguarded, dogs will not have the opportunity to socialise, which I believe in the long run will reduce their social skills and potentially lead to more unnecessary aggression as dogs will not be able to meet, mix and play! I have recently also experienced a very personal use of the green for the air ambulance to land. Following a suicide by a neighbour, this space was used by the air ambulance to land, and although unsuccessful in saving this neighbour I know that having them attend and make all attempts to save his life, helped them no end in dealing with this tragedy. Had the ambulance not been able to land I am sure this would have been a much more traumatic experience for his family. I am also very concerned about the pressure this level of new housing will place on the community and infrastructure. I no longer have children of school age but travelling to work in and out of the area during rush hour is already a challenge due to the number of schools and children attending. If more houses are built this will only increase creating grid lock on our roads. These roads are already over parked making access and the ability to even see at junctions a challenge. Adding to this already stretched population is only going to increase the stress and ill health of Debden's residents. Pot holes in the area and the condition of the roads is again already at breaking point, with repairs not happening or taking months, causing damage to cars and risks to everyone as drivers try to avoid them. More housing will only add to the volume of traffic, causing more damage and increasing risks to everyone. All of these issues cause me serious concern and should this plan go ahead it only add to this communities mental ill health, as we all struggle to live in an already stressful world. Please don't take away this green Oasis in our community! Yours sincerely Jocelyn Alderson

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