

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

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Letter or Email Response:

As a resident of Loughton and Epping Forest Council Tax payer I am writing to express my absolute opposition to the proposal to build housing on Jessel Green. Debden is already a seriously challenged estate. There is inadequate off road parking and our narrow residential streets and pavements are constantly congested with parked cars and vans. Crime, drug-dealing and anti-social behaviour are increasingly common problems. Teenagers have few options and generally hang around in groups on the Broadway outside the dreary shops. Alcoholism and domestic violence are common-place (I have witnessed incidences of both) **....Redacted....**. We do not need more housing in the middle of our already overcrowded area. In the midst of this suburban decay, Jessel Green stands as an oasis. Its undulating field hosts runners, dog walkers and community events. With two primary and two secondary schools within a few yards it provides valuable recreational space, a lovely playground and an ideal picnic spot for parents to meet at after school. It is far superior to the boggy recreation ground off Willingale Road and more central than Hillyfields. My wife has also seen the Green serve as a landing site for an air ambulance - which may have made the difference between life and death for one of our residents. Jessel Green's psychological value to the residents of Debden is incalculable. Rising above the 1940's prefabs it commands fantastic views of Epping Forest and the surrounding countryside. It is a point of cohesion, meditation and optimism. It is only fitting that such a beauty-spot should be open and available to everyone in the community. The Council should remove Jessel Green from its list of sites for proposed development. It is the wrong choice.

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