

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I'm extremely disappointed to hear about your plans to build on Jessel Green and Rochford Green that are at either end of our road - Colebrook Lane. When we originally chose to move to Loughton 6 years ago it was to move away from the city and built up areas and live in a leafy suburban environment with the thought of it being a great place to raise a family. By building on these areas it will remove what makes Loughton and Debden special, creating a more generic area similar to Leyton, Walthamstow and Newham. There are many other sites of land that go unused that would be best for your plans. It's ludicrous to decide to build on two patches of green that you clearly see being utilised daily by families taking their children to the park, dogs being walked, for community events and air ambulance landings. If you take away these areas you can cause segregation in the community and take away vital areas that people use for health a wellbeing, considering that both these areas are top of the agenda for Sport England and other NGBs 'working towards an active nation'. We regularly use both greens to walk our dog and take our nephews to play in the summer, they are also an essential escape to sit and just be - for my mental wellbeing. We are very frustrated with the idea to build so many homes that we are considering moving and would not recommend the area to others to move to as it will become cramped, built up and all the current travel links will be choked due to the increase in population. I hope you will reconsider keeping these spaces as it is vital that the youth of today have somewhere to play and be creative and that others have a place to relax.

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