

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I write to lodge my objection to the proposed plan to build houses on Jessel Green. This beautiful green space is widely used by residents on a daily basis. Indeed when the Debden Estate was built, Jessel Green was designated as such. Are present residents not now also entitled to this facility? Dog walkers, children playing games, adults taking exercise, picnics when weather is clement as well as the community days are all uses of this area. The loss of this would mean more dog fouling of the pavements, kids with nowhere to kick a ball apart from the wonderful vista this presents. On a drive round this morning I noticed how little problems there are with parking, this would change if the area was built on. There are still a fair number of council owned properties in this area, people who deserve a pleasant and open place to live. People meet up every day on the green, it works as a community and it would be disastrous if this was taken away. I also worry about the disruption to the infrastructure of the area. This is not land with services already in situ. Surely there are more suitable sites with readily available services ie unused brownfield sites such as Langston Road. I note from the map at Loughton Library that most of the proposed sites for the whole EFDC area are on the outskirts of urbanisations such as Ongar, Harlow, North Weald and Epping. Why build houses (or flats) in the middle of a leafy suburban area? My personal opinion is that SOMEONE should take the bull by the horns and compulsory purchase some of the 6000 acres of forest land, 5000 acres of which is severely underused. Our green spaces are just as important, in fact more so, than Corporation of London's reluctance to be of any use to the housing shortage. A great many people, including myself, are extremely angry and upset over this proposal. How many EFDC members or senior planning staff are having their lives disrupted by these proposals? Maybe an FOI for the future. Before our quality of life is sacrificed, I plead with you to think again.

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