

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

I totally object to the council's suggestion that the green spaces on the Debden Estate should be built on. I have lived in **...Redacted...** all of my life. My parents moved here in 1951 from London with three young boys. I grew up playing on that field. As a Tomboy I played football with all the local boys on Jessel Drive Green on a regular basis and when I myself became a mother, I took my two children over there for fresh air and exercise. I played ball with them and their friends, also cricket, kite flying and general running etc. Their faces, like mine as a youngster, were full of smiles, giggling and concentration as they focused on running the fastest, scoring the most and being carefree and active. They, like I, love that field. It symbolises so many things, and gives so much freedom. I still love to walk the length of it up to the clouds on the top of the hill, do a 360% turn for a splendid view of the area, including the underground line train making its journey towards Theydon Bois as it looks like a toy train on a track moving in the distance. For those of you who live in any protected areas like Theydon Bois Village, I would say to you 'close your eyes', picture your beloved village green with its duck pond, its green grass, its avenue of trees, its wildlife and the wellbeing it gives. Now make it a blank canvas of concrete. How do you feel? How could you do that? I have seen many changes in my green view in my immediate area. Langley Meadow was built on an open green space. The end of Burney Drive-Goldingham Avenue was built on, again open space. Debden Park High School and Hereward Green. More buildings. The result being more pollution, more traffic congestion and more crowding. I work at **...Redacted...**, and my colleague who lives in Walthamstow can get to work quicker via the motorway than I can from my own house in **...Redacted...** by car. As far as I am concerned you will be suppressing my wellbeing and as an Asthma sufferer, my health could be compromised. Our open spaces release our minds from the stresses of everyday life. Our houses are at a 'low level' which is also prone to flooding. The green absorbs rain and we already have an underground stream nearby. A thing of beauty should not change, for once it's gone, things are not the same. Our green grass should be allowed to grow. Nature knows this place. We live here. We do not want our open green spaces taken away. They are a vital part of our survival. Listen and leave them alone. The Council needs to build a new town, NOT destroy and compromise another one. We are tired of seeing our green grass turned to stone.

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