

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I moved to Debden in 2001 from Bethnal Green to build a better life for myself and thought it was a better place to bring my children up. One of the main things that struck me about Debden was its green spaces. Jessel Green was the first large open space I noticed. Bethnal Green was too built up, a concrete city. I felt like I couldn't breathe at times. I knew that I had made the right decision to move to Debden the moment I drove off the M11 and onto Rectory lane towards my new home. I felt like I could breathe again. Fewer people, fewer high rise buildings (if any!), fewer houses and best of all more green space. Fifteen years on I have a husband and three children all of which enjoy Debden's open spaces. Especially Jessel Green. We often go there and play games, walk our dog, use the playground. We have picnics up there in the summer, attend the summer fun day every summer. We have attended childrens play days and many other special days! My eldest son and his friends often play football up on Jessel green. It's a great place for them to meet and hang out other than on the streets with nothing to do. My other 2 children often ask me to take them to the playground there and they love it! If we lost Jessel Green to houses and flats it would not only break my heart but also my children's hearts too. Jessel Green is such a big part of our lives. Not only this but it's an area of community. I feel it's the heart of Debden. It's breath taking scenery from the top, I once sat at the top and watched a meteorite shower right over my head! A memory I will never forget. I want my children to make memories there too. I don't want them to grow up in an area where there are no open spaces. We have rolled down that hill, rode our bikes down it and sledged down it in the snow with lots of other people. It's also an important space to keep also, a place where the air ambulance lands occasionally. This helps save lives! Without it where would the ambulance land? Due to the growing populations here in Debden, the extra homes built since I moved here in 2001 I worry for my children's futures. We cannot get a GP appointment here as it is let alone if more homes are built! Schools are over populated, how are our children meant to learn? There's already too many to a class! And as for our roads, roads are full to bursting! No wonder we have so many pot holes, there are just too many cars on our roads!! The Broadway is at a stand still every morning and rectory lane is impossible to drive down! Please re think this idea of building on our open spaces. Please take into consideration what I have written. The Debden I moved to fifteen years is gradually disappearing it is unrecognisable. So sad. My suggestion if homes need to be built is to build a new home town somewhere away from others, create a completely new small town somewhere else. Keep Debden as it is, don't spoil it.

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