

### **Why Jessel Green should be saved**

The thought that a beautiful green space such as Jessel Green is heartbreaking. People choose to live in areas like Loughton because of the forest and green spaces, if we wanted to live in a concrete jungle like the council want to turn us into we would have move to London in the first place. Personally I love walking my dog on Jessel Green along with hundreds of others who do the same. I live on a road surrounding Jessel Green and see people using it even on rain or freezing cold, from children playing ball games, riding their bikes to people running up and down it at night in exercise groups. To have the council planning to take this away is upsetting, and to find out that people have suggested other areas within the town to build on to be rejected because the council say there is not enough time to consider these makes residents like myself extremely angry. According to news reports the council has also planned for more housing than necessary and unproportionately reduced planned housing in other less crowded areas whilst keeping Jessel Green in the plan which is deeply unfair. Jessel Green is a vital community asset for recreation, community events such as the annual fun day and emergency services- I have several times seen helicopters landing on the green to get people the help they need. The strength of community feeling was demonstrated when hundreds of people came out to support the campaign to save it in the middle of a work day on 24 hours notice, Jessel Green must be saved for the sake of the area.



