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Epping Forest District Council,
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Dear Epping Forest District Local Plan team,

As a former owner and resident of properties in Buckhurst Hill and Loughton and as a father of two children who attended St John Fisher School in Burney Drive, I believe plans to build 194 flats/houses on Jessel Green in Debden should be reconsidered and I support the views of current residents in the community to whom I have spoken, who are campaigning for Jessel Green to be given village green status.

The Debden estate was designed and built between 1947 and 1954 to house families from the East End of London. In the aftermath of the Second World War, problems of overcrowding, pollution and transport in East London placed too great a strain on medical, education and emergency services. For families who moved from the East End and those who have lived on the estate in more recent times, Jessel Green has provided a free to air, open to all environment which has played a vital part in creating and sustaining a harmonious and healthy community envisaged by its founders.

The plans to build 194 houses/flats on Jessel Green would recreate the problems which afflicted East London in the the late 1940s in a location specifically designed and structured to alleviate them. The increase in population would place an almost incalculable strain on local amenities, including road and rail transport, school as well as medical and emergency services.

I look forward to hearing more news about the process of consultation and wish the campaign to see Jessel Green designated as a 'Local Green Space' every success.

Kind regards,

Edmund Keenan