

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thus far I feel that we have not been heard previously by EFDC and the process has been a created in a spider web of many bias and unfair decisions made by certain council members that have not looked at the development of the area in a fair and unbiased approach.

We cannot help but feel that decisions have been made by a few people based on their greed and with absolute no regard for the areas they do not reside in, for the other residents (not Theydon Bois) of the EFDC boundary and lifestyles of the many and this has been throughout the whole process. They have played games with our lifestyle with no regard! Many times it has felt like a gun has been held to our counsellors head in the votes at the public meetings so only one result can be made, this is not acceptable behaviours and I have felt very uncomfortable for them in parts. I would even go as far as seeing this as bullying in the Workplace.

So this is what Jessel Green means to

It means Family – When we looked to buy our first family home we looked at no less than 30 homes and took at least a year of searching before we come across our home on Jessel Green. We previously had never seen this green but fell in love with the space it would provide for our family and since moving in we have found that it was above and beyond what we could have ever expected. We have made so many amazing memories on this piece of land and we have only been here 3 years.

It means Community – Upon moving into our home, we found a community that we felt no longer existed in this day and age. It felt like being back in East London (where my Husband and I grew up) before they built on top of every patch of available land and park. There was still a pub that children were welcome to attend with their parents and everyone knew each other or did within 30 minutes of arriving. Our neighbours still give Christmas cards and look after each other house when on holiday and CONVERSATE with each other. An amazing green where when the sun shines the kids all play together and are safe!! They are summer community days held on this green, there are children's activities held on this green (this enables you to meet other people that are only getting 2 hours sleep a night too!) This was lost in East London years ago, please preserve that here! I love that I am able to tell what time of the day it is by looking out my window and looking at who is using the green! I would love to give you a quick timeline

- 7.30am - Dog walkers meet and chat whilst the dogs use the green
- 8am – 9am – the kids walk to and from school play and running over the green
- 10am – 11am – Various exercise groups using the green
- 12.00 noon – in most seasons you will have mums / child minders either using the field for the children they are looking after or having picnics and the dog walkers are back!!!
- 3pm – the Children are returning home and are using the green!
- 5pm - and any children that have been playing on there are being called in for dinner.
- 7.30pm – Exercise classes and adult flying model planes (during in the warmer months when it is lighter there are families out there playing football, or riding their bikes!)
- 11.30pm – the last of the dog walkers are out ensuring that their dogs are properly exercised.

It means Play – My 5 year old think that this is his front garden! We with other families use Jessel Green to play with our children and ensure that they are not suck inside playing unsociable video games or glued to a Television. Play is so essential and important to our children. My little boy loves to race us up the hill and then roll back down it! He loves taking his goal over there and playing football and having the bigger boys come over and join him for a game! He loves riding his bike, playing Frisbee, firing his toy crossbow to see how far it goes, creating a water slide with tarpauling and fairy washing up liquid with his cousins, I could honestly go on and on.....this is what kids do, they play and through playing they learn and grow and have healthy body and minds!

It means Freedom – Jessel Green gives me my freedom! It takes you to a place where you forget the stresses of the day and you focus on you! Whether it is reading a book and becoming engrossed in another world, exercising the stresses out of your body, being able to take time to think on your own or having a family walk after dinner or picnic with your family! I love listening to my little boy questioning how many years the trees have been there for or what a conker is! What is a conker!?!?! He picked his first conker on this green. These childhood games that are what we now associate with a perfect memory will be lost to the next generation if we keep building on our green spaces!!!

It means Education – I know this sounds like a weird one to associate Jessel Green with Education, but it really does....in the 3 years we have been it has taught my child to **share** his toys with other children, to **love** animals and all living things (trees), to be **kind** to the animals that use this space, to fly a kite and be **respectful** of his elders, to **listen** to them and their **life experiences** to name a few. We have taught him **road safety** in a safe and controlled environment (you never follow a football into the road) and most of all **to enjoy the simple thing in life.**

And last but by no means least: It means Innocence – this green is just simply innocence! It takes you to a place where it is okay to be a kid and just enjoy the simple things in life! Like rolling down a hill with your 5 year old, or running so fast that your legs can't keep up with your body! Sledge racing with your Mum and Dad because your parents are just as excited as you are that it snowed last night!!! These are the core family values and memories I remember with my parents and losing our green (and other public green spaces) mean that we lose this which is a horrendous thought.

Whilst my husband has focused on the financial implications this build will have on my family, I wanted to focus on the other areas that losing Jessel Green would have on us and that are just as important to take into account should you decide to carry out a complete unjustifiable build on this green.

Please note that our 5 year old does not attend primary school in Loughton as there is already not enough space within the area, he goes to a school in Epping. He wasn't able to get a space at our catchment school last September.

Representation received with photograph(s) featuring children and/or adults redacted under Data Protection Regulations

Please hear our pleas, don't ruin our area - Our schools, Police, Fire Services, DR's, Trains, buses AND hospitals cannot cope with this additional housing!! And please do not tell me it is so people can afford this area as the last building built on the Broadway has flats selling for £450,000! Come on it isn't for normal people with normal earnings. What scares me is that a private land owner had offered his private land in Theydon Bois, close to station, with parking

and land not used by public – he was turned down!! What hope do we have when the planning department in the EFDC are rejecting these! This really isn't fair and I feel completely corrupt.

I have my faith in you to be fair and offer a solution to the mess that EFDC think is a fair proposal. I look forward to hearing from you with good news!

Kind Regards,

Hayley