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FAO Independent EFD Local Plan Inspector

To Whom it may concern,

I live close to Jessel Green (Site LOU.R5 in the EDF local plan). I would like this site removed from the plan and protected from future development for the following reasons -

Jessel Green is at the heart of our community here in Debden both in its physical location and its place in all the residents hearts. This has been demonstrated by the strength of feeling and campaign that has been run to try and save our much beloved green space. Access to green space is essential for the mental and physical health of our community. It has been documented on the public health matters blog that green space in urban areas provided healthy space for social interaction, and this very much applies to Jessel Green. Because of its location it is used as a space for the community to congregate, whether that be by attending the annual fun day, primary school children playing after school, holiday activities that EFDC arrange, dog walkers in the early mornings/evenings, teenagers congregating and playing games after school. The quality of life for all these users who I see daily would be compromised by the proposed development on Jessel green.

In addition to this public services in the area are already strained. Last year the Deben residents lost access to the 167 bus route between Loughton and Debden. This has resulted in a much reduced bus timetable. Our local Schools are oversubscribed. Roads around the tube station are filled with commuter cars parked there, and the tube services have been reduced from Debden recently. I don't see in the plan where this has been addressed, so that existing and new residents if the proposal goes ahead will need to access these already strained services.

I hope you can see from this and the other letters you will no doubt receive that this is a much loved and used space, and that it would be to the detriment of the community to lose this. We as a community implore you to remove the site from the plan.