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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you to strongly object to any building on Jessel Green (site LOU.R5). As a resident , we see first-hand just how much this much loved green space is used by the local community. who use this space regularly as a safe place to play, and also use it , so from just one household, it benefits several local families.

We see dog walkers, joggers, families spending quality time together, the local nursery and schools use it too, whether it's for the babies to get fresh air, or the older students to let off some steam in the playground as a treat.

Children can often be found flying small toy planes or remote control cars, kite flying, and in the warmer months we have even seen paragliders.

It's also used by many people as a place to keep fit and train on the green, there have been self-defence sessions and taekwondo and it's also used for football training/skills too by local residents.

We understand the need to increase housing, but we feel that there were more suitable, identified locations that could have been used, and been ignored or overlooked throughout the local plan process.

We feel that the areas infrastructure would be unable to cope with the added intake of residents that is proposed. The 2 Secondary and 3 Primary schools that are surrounding Jessel Green are already over-subscribed, with long waiting lists, and with no mention in the plan of any extra schools, there is no way they would be able to cope with increase of students that would be inevitable should the plan go ahead.

The same goes for Doctors, its already hard to get an appointment, and in our own doctors surgery recently, a resident, on behalf of the surgery, was asking patients to fill out feedback forms and during a conversation with him and another patient, he informed us that just that surgery alone had over 10,000 patients! So that speaks for itself. And this is the surgery most local to Jessel Green.

Local Dentists, similarly, have waiting lists to take on NHS patients. How would they cope with a surge of patients?

A local bus route has recently been cut as a result of budget cuts by ECC and TFL. We now only have one route (20) servicing the area around the green, and another bus that only does school runs. The 20 is still shockingly busy at peak times and again, we feel that an increase in housing would only make it worse. Elderly residents rely on an already busy bus service to get to the Broadway. It's also worth noting that the route 20 is under review in March 2019?? And TFL have said they are monitoring the service leading up to the review.

Parking around the green is already at bursting point, and at times it's impossible to park outside

your own home. If the site LOU.R5 were to go ahead, where would the extra cars go? The roads are already covered in potholes, how would they cope with the extra traffic? It's already congested outside all the local schools at peak times, how would this be affected?

Now let's look at the Central Line, Loughton is lucky enough to have two stations, but due to commuters from elsewhere in the district that are unable to park at their local station, they are driving to Debden station, filling up the carparks and surrounding roads, and making it almost impossible to get a seat on the tube no matter how early you get to the station. The overspill of cars is causing problems in local roads too. Westall Road is just one to use as an example. It sees commuters leaving their cars for the day, sometimes parked dangerously and certainly without consideration to local drivers. We are also aware that until at least 2030, there are no plans by TFL to increase the capacity on the Central Line and so the problem will just get worse if the plans were to go ahead.

We truly feel that the plan to build on Jessel Green is not sound and would have a huge negative impact on the local residents and their families.

We moved here from a built up area in East London to give our children the opportunity to have access to safe places to play. Fresh air and the luxury of living in a beautiful area where they could be free and be outdoors, which to us is a vital part of their health and emotional well-being. To know that our children can play safely outside their home, meet other children, form friendships and live in an amazing community.

Please please listen to the people that are living on the Debden estate. We know in our hearts that this decision is wrong.

Yours Sincerely,

Amanda Payton and Neil Bartlett.