

Dear independent EFD local plan inspector

I am writing to express my concerns with regard to the consideration of site LOU.R5 as a new housing development.

I strongly believe that this is not the right thing to do for our local community and for future generations of Loughton.

Site LOU.R5 (Jessel Green) has always been a special place which I personally use on a weekly basis (if not daily) it's obviously a fantastic open green space for which myself and my young family to use for play and dog walking. The site is situated in close proximity to a local primary school and is always used after school by many children (including my own) giving them all an opportunity to socialise out side of school hours and in the summer months spend hours playing and "rolling around" on the grass! For me this is a fundamental reason why I live in Essex, open green spaces are what I believe children need more than anything and it is with a heavy heart I look at Jessel Green and see it being destroyed and become a built up area full of yet more housing developments (which seem to be popping up everywhere)

Community events are held there! Bringing people together! When the snow arrives, people are drawn to the site like magnets and the happiness of children all playing together with all other families in the community is everywhere to be seen.

As well as the obvious loss of such a wonderful open space I have concerns regarding school places and the availability of registration with local GP practices should the site be destroyed and new homes created!

Anti-social behaviour is a concern! If our children have nowhere to run and play and be "children" how long until we have issues with "bored" children with "nothing to do" becomes a problem.

There are so many other sites to be considered for housing I truly believe this is NOT one of them. I sincerely hope common sense prevails and this site is saved! The local save Jessel Green campaign and petition also demonstrates how strongly and passionately the community feels!

I love Loughton and I love Jessel Green and I urge you to seriously consider the detrimental effect using site LOU.R5 for a housing development could have!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Natalie Sidoli