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Dear Sirs

I am writing to strongly object to the draft local plan for the development of Loughton and Debden.

The proposals to build on Loughton green spaces will have a huge negative impact on the whole of Loughton and especially Debden.

Open space provision is only just adequate now and must NOT be reduced.

- Where would children play?

- Where would owners walk their pets?

- Where would families go to spend quality, inexpensive time together?

- Where would the community come together for social events? Eg Jessel Green community fun day, sledging in winter

- Where would the air ambulance land in emergencies?

As a parent and former childminder, these open green spaces provide much needed outdoor recreational space. Not only for the children to get exercise and learn about their environment, but also for the sanity of the adults. It's a hard job being cooped up indoors with restless children all day.

The Government are continuing to highlight the growing problem of obesity and mental health issues. Building on Loughton green spaces would only add to these problems not solve them.

The draft local plan does NOT seem to have taken into consideration the facts that urban intensification will destroy the leafy suburban environment of Loughton. This will lead to MORE pollution and put a huge strain on public services.

If these plans go ahead, schools, Dr's surgery's, dentist's, public transport, road congestion, parking will ALL suffer the consequences as will the community as a whole.

We, as a family, along with friends have used Rochford Green and Jessel Green for many years, having picnics, playing in the parks, sledging, attending the fun day and continue to regularly make use of these areas. Lucton's Field has been shamefully neglected for many years and has a covenant protecting the site for NHS or educational use. I agree that this site needs developing, BUT ONLY in the interest of the community, where we believe a sports centre has been long promised.

Loughton/Debden CANNOT cope with further develop in our already crowded town.

Yours sincerely

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