

28<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Independent EFD Local Plan Inspector

**Re: Site LOU.R5 Jessel Green**

I am writing to you to save and protect the Jessel Green site from development and to have it removed from the list of residential sites under section B, Policy P2 Loughton.

Jessel Green is a vital green space within the Debden estate and plays an important role for the local community. It provides the space for local children to play and is an important space for local residents for walking and exercise. As a resident on the Debden estate, it is accessible and easy to walk to and does not require a car to get to it due to being in the middle of the estate. This is really important as many local residents do not own cars. As a parent of a disabled teenager, I am already thinking about my son's future independence and as someone who will never be able to drive, having a green space in walking distance, at the heart of the estate will be vital for his mental health and wellbeing.

My whole family really values the space and I often walk my dog there. The space is well utilised for community events such as the summer community fun day which builds community cohesion as the community comes together to share a day of fun and activities.

Building on top of Jessel Green and destroying this green space would be short-sighted and would deny local residents the value of being able to easily access green spaces and the benefits it brings in terms of active lifestyles and mental health. Green spaces are vital for - socially and physically - healthy communities and tearing Jessel Green away from our community will massively damage the ability for local residents to enjoy being outdoors and the wellbeing that brings to all ages and abilities.

Yours sincerely

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