

## Epping Forest District Council Representations to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

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### Letter or Email Response:

RE: Draft Local Plan I am extremely disappointed to find out that the Local Draft Plan provisions new housing developments on Debden green spaces (Jessel Green and Rochford Green). These are the nearest green spaces to our house and we regularly use them for playing with kids, family walks and exercising. I cannot imagine my family's life without having these green spaces. The area has always been renowned for its green spaces and the stunning views you get especially at the top of Jessel Green hill. Every New Year Eve and Bonfire Night we walk over to Jessel Green to watch the fireworks all over London. It is very impressive and kids love it. Also, I can't quite understand how new housing development can be planned without an infrastructure to support it. The demand of schooling is already very high and there are not enough spaces. The nearest NHS hospital is 30min driving away in great road conditions without congestions. But, this is only best case scenario, it took us 1 hour to get there when my labour started. It is already very hard to get a timely appointment with the GP and not too sure how many more registrations they can take. The central line is the only transport link to Central London and it is already running at its full capacity with trains terminating at Loughton station in rush hour. The nearest train station is in Chigford, 5 miles away and when there are severe delays on Central line, which happens quite often recently, there is no way to get to the City. It is unbelievable how you can plan for increasing the population while already experiencing the problems above. Moreover, living in the 21st century pollution is the number 1 concern across the globe. And while everyone's aim is to reduce it why would you want to increase it by destroying the green spaces and replacing it with households which irrefutably means more cars, at least one per each family? Even the road infrastructure is far from great in Debden. The traffic queues on both Chigwell and Rectory lane every morning and every evening are already ridiculously long, and instead of resolving it the intention is to bring more cars to the area and make it worse. I can't understand how ignorant authorities can be to their local people, under the pressure from the construction business. Clearly the locals should come first and their well being should be at the forefront on any business regardless how much this is willing to pay. Scientists have already proven that people living next to green spaces are healthier, having a more positive mental outlook and an improved lifestyle. It is regretful to know that meanwhile other Essex districts plan to build garden villages to support the well being of people, Epping Forest plans to destroy it. I truly hope that the Council listens to its people and makes the best decision that will benefit the locals, not the businesses. Please acknowledge the receipt of my letter via return of email. Many thanks Aurelia Darii

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