

Fiona McGrath

In reference to the proposed building on Jessel Green

Dear Sir/Madam

I have been a resident of Loughton for over 40 years and during that time, Jessel Green has been a constant in both mine and my family's lives.

Whether it be rolling down the hill as a child, or...

- playing in the park at the top – the space rocket will only be remembered by those of a certain age!
- walking the dog – I'd stopped rolling down the hill by this point
- walking full stop!
- watching the annual fire work display – it wasn't always safe but it brought the community together.
- snow days – the excitement of having not only the day off school, but being able to join friends and the community to race down the hill.
- Community fun days – they are getting bigger and better every year.

I didn't know the name of this green space until it came under threat. It was just known as the hill. My own children refer to it as Teletubby hill. Its name is not important, the part it plays in the community is.

The estate is already full, every school is at capacity, doctors and dentists too. The roads are a disgrace the thought of even more cars and traffic travelling into the estate is unimaginable. My husband travels into London each day, and despite Debden only being the 3rd station on the Central line, the seats are taken by the time it reaches here... what would it be like with more commuters?

Jessel Green should not be included in the local plan – it is at the heart of our community and building on it will take that heart and destroy it.

Yours faithfully

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