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Dear Independent EFD Local Plan Inspector,

I'm writing this letter as I am a local resident that lives near Jessel Green and I'm passionate to save and protect LOU.R5 for the community and for myself.

I moved to this area and one of the reasons why we chose to live in Debden/Loughton was because of the open green spaces which we didn't have in Leyton where I was brought up as a child. I can't understand why every green space has to be touched with new builds and the community of Loughton/Debden have to suffer by having what little green space we have taken away from us as we have no actual parks. Jessel Green is a vital space for the community where we have our fun days, and children have freedom to play on the grass whether it is football, cycling, flying their kites or sledging.

One advantage of having Jessel Green so close to my home is that I can take them over the road and play football, catch or frisbee with them and have a picnic on a summer's day which is something that cannot be done in my garden as it is too small so this probably relates to a majority of the community. Furthermore I play on Jessel Green in the winter when it snows and enjoy sledging down the hill. I used Jessel Green as escapism from being indoors when I needed a break from the house after so many hours of studying to revitalise myself and in addition to this when I had a dog I used to walk him over there.

Currently; we do not have enough resources and facilities for Loughton/Debden residents now and by adding these homes on Jessel Green you are only going to make matters worse as we have only a limited amount of services now such as schools, transport and GP Surgeries. The few services we do have like the GP surgeries and schools struggle now to cope as I have to wait 2-3 weeks in order to get a GP appointment and in addition to this you are going to make Loughton/Debden a concrete town that is no different from London and add congestion not only on our roads but on the Central Line (Underground).

Please listen to our plea to save and leave Jessel Green alone for Debden and Loughton Community and to make it a protected green space that can be enjoyed for future years not only for us but for the next generation. The question you need to answer to yourselves is if we didn't care about Jessel Green or didn't use the space then why are we objecting to this plan so much?

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope you will take a lot of consideration for the residents of Debden/Loughton when finalising your plan as we are the voice of the community and therefore our views should be considered.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss N Borg