

Friday, 23 February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write appealing against the inclusion of site LOU.R5, Jessel Green in the EFDC local plan submission.

This is effectively Debden's village green, a well-used community space which plays host to the town fun-day and is regularly used by local nurseries, dog-walkers, parents, children and adults all year round.

The green should be issued with a Local Green Space designation and protected from development.

The consultation process leading to its inclusion in the local plan for development has completely ignored the huge outpouring of public opposition against development at Jessel Green. I've personally attended several meetings where time and again local residents passionately spoke in defence of keeping the green with hundreds of first-hand accounts of how essential this space is for people's mental and physical well-being. A petition against its inclusion in the plan has gathered over 4,000 signatures to date. There is no other publically accessible land like it in that part of Debden. That none of this was considered in the final draft of the Local Plan must surely contradict the validity of the consultation process.

The consultation response removed sites from Theydon based on a Corporation of London objection, but ignored the same objection when made against development of Jessel Green.

This green was an integral part of the Debden estate as originally planned. Nothing that's happened since the estate has built has changed the need for open space for its residents. In fact, the need now is greater than ever.

Please protect Jessel Green from development by rejecting the Local Plan as unsound until Jessel Green is removed.

Yours faithfully,

Daniel Carroll