I have lived in Debden for 10 years now, and over the last few years, more and more housing is being erected in any spare bit of land. (Pubs have closed and flats built etc). Parking is now at a premium as there are too many people living in the area and there is not enough infrastructure to support many more additions to the area. (Schools, GP surgeries, busy train stations and bus stops etc).

I understand the need for housing and do not object in principle to additional houses being built in the area, as it is inevitable that this would happen. I live in , with Lucton's field backing on to my garden. I have not campaigned to stop this site being built on as this field is really only used for dog walkers and is not kept well and could probably have some better use for the community. However, I do object to ALL green spaces in the area being built upon.

The reason why I, and many others live in the area is due to its open green spaces. The current plans are due to build over every last bit of available land, which is just not healthy for the residents of the area.

Jessel Green is a vibrant and beautiful green and is at the heart of the local community. It is a treasured piece of land and should be saved from these disastrous plans that are being discussed. I attend the community fun days there and regularly go for walks with my kids there. (See photos below for the beauty of the area).

The residents have endured over 12 months of road works for the shopping centre on Langston Road being built. Why was retail space needed if housing is a priority?

All I can do is plead with this letter to save Jessel Green as it is the jewel in the crown of Debden. It will be a tragic loss to the area and the spirit of Debden will die with the loss of the beauty.

Regards,

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