

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sir/Madam I am writing in response to the public consultation regarding the local draft planning of our green spaces in Debden in particular I am concerned for the Jessel Green development plan. This plan seems to have allocated most of Epping Forests housing quota into the Debden area. It should have been spread out much more evenly across that whole of Epping Forest areas. This is totally unfair and unacceptable. I have lived at ...Redacted... for 60 years. My parents bought our house because of the green space opposite which many other people have also bought for the same reason. Prior to buying, searches were done. The result being that it would not be built on. The government are trying to encourage people to go outside for exercise in order for us all to combat the obesity that is a health concern costing the NHS a fortune, yet you are going to take away the only decent piece of greenery in the area! The local community use it for picnics/group exercise keep fit activities/Karate practice/local schools that use the green for outside classes and projects. There also doesn't seem to be any plans to accommodate all of this new housing, for example extra schools/doctors surgeries which are both bursting at the seams as it is, the average waiting time for a doctors appointment is 3-4 weeks at the moment, and the schools can barely accommodate the children that are already in the area at present, some children having to travel to other areas. Also I am concerned about the traffic that is going to increase within the area as the roads are so busy now let alone when all these new cars arrive there is already a massive problem with traffic at the moment in the surrounding areas from the main Debden estate caused by the overflow from the M25 using the area as a shortcut. There is also concern about parking spaces for extra cars that will be brought to the area. The Central line is already massively overcrowded and will be severely affected by all the extra people travelling from Debden/Loughton which will make traveling to and from work even more stressful than it is already. The emergency service air ambulance lands on the green on a regular basis mainly for road accidents on the nearby busy route from the motorway. Most of the council representatives who have put forward these plans live in rural areas outside of this area. Some not anywhere near to Debden at all, they are not familiar with how much these green spaces mean to everyone as a community, who live in the more built up areas, these green spaces promote wellbeing/healthy lifestyle and a feel good factor for the community. Jessel Green is the hub of the area, people come from all over Loughton to use the green every day as there is not another similar open space for our area (village green for example) It would be a total disgrace to build on Jessel Green and I wholeheartedly object to this housing proposal. Yours Faithfully, ...Redacted...

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