

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I strongly disagree with the draft proposal to build houses on our green spaces in Debden, namely Jessel Green and Rochford Green. My reasons are as follows: *** It is a known fact that green areas help with the welfare (mental and physical) of the people that live local and in accessible locations to them. I myself have suffered with both of these health problems and have been advised by professional medical people to have a daily walk. This I have done and still do use Jessel Green. The views are amazing and trust me very therapeutic. On walking back from Debden Station to home, after an journey on a packed train, the sight of Rochford Green is so uplifting. I and many people probably have never had to recognise these facts until this proposal to destroy these greens is being made. *** As an owner of 2 dogs Jessel Green is a meeting place for fellow dog walkers so it is so necessary for the community that live here now. Also the local Boot Camp use it on a regular basis. I have seen a local Nursery using the green for picnics and playing. (Photos can be supplied). *** 'It's a Knockout' and another fete for children is held yearly on Jessel Green and has been for many years. *** Looking at an aerial map of London there are many green spaces. These are called parks. Jessel Green has had an application made to Essex County Council to give it village green status. To date no decision made on this. Surely the outcome of this application is vital. If granted this green cannot be built on. As the green areas in London are parks these green areas in Debden are our parks. *** There are already 5 schools in the area which are used to full capacity. If more houses are built on these greens and other areas locally another school would be needed. Where would this go? *** I do not see how the infrastructure could cope. Already hard to get a doctor's appointment. The roads are gridlocked at peak times. Just widening Chigwell Lane would help at present but not if all these houses on the greens are built. The new flats on Winston Churchill site not lived in yet or the 51 houses to be built on Burton Road. *** The area is prone to flooding (again photos can be supplied) and covering the green spaces that can soak rain water up with houses will drastically create greater flooding. As EFDC say it is 'OUR PLAN' get involved. So listen to us please and leave Jessel Green and Rochford Green for us and our children to use, see and enjoy.

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