

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

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Letter or Email Response:

To whom it may concern I am writing to respond to the consultation process for the draft local plan My wife and I moved to Debden in 2017 and have regularly enjoyed using Jessel Green ever since. Especially now we have a 4 year old son who loves to play there and at the adjacent swing park. It is part of our lives and community. I would like to request that you please do not build on our great locally accessible green space, one of the main things that attracted us to buying a property here. Please let it be a legacy for future generations. Jessel green is used for many sports and leisure activities by local residents and is very important local people and the wider community too as you can tell from many boards and posters hung in windows and shops. Even local shops and businesses are displaying posters to save our green spaces especially Jessel Green! Just look in the Broadway and Debden/Loughton. There are other places like the Langston industrial Estate and Willingale nature reserve/allotment area that would be much more appropriate to build on and less harmful than stealing an important green space from our community. It's a beautiful open space where parents can take children to play, meet friends and family for picnics or like us, walk the dog. Many community fun days like 'it's a knockout' are held on the green. My wife takes her telescope to star gaze and I play football with my son. It is like an outdoor community centre where you can bump into friends or neighbours. It should be left for future generations to enjoy. Instead why not create another Debden/Harlow type of town elsewhere? We already have over subscribed doctors and dentist surgeries, lack of local parking and bad roads, congested traffic and too many people trying to do the daily commute from the area, more housing that would only make this all much worse. Our nearest hospitals have ridiculous waiting lists and strain on staff and services as do police and fire services. We need a space such as Jessel Green which is equally accessible to all local people unlike Green Belt, where elderly and young alike can enjoy using it for recreation. Please save our beautiful green and do not destroy it! Local green spaces like these are so important for using to maintain good mental health, to escape the concrete jungle and just relax and enjoy nature. For physical health through sports and activities (even just a walk on the relaxing green) and socially to meet up and engage in activities with family/friends/neighbours. Please save Jessel Green. It is used, it is needed, it is loved! Please can I ask for confirmation that you have received this response to the consultation process. Yours sincerely Mr Richard Lupton

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