

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sirs I am a resident of [...Redacted...] and am writing in relation to and in concern of the proposed development of green sites in Debden. I list below four subjects that have come to my attention: 1)Safety There are four schools that are in very close proximity to Jessel Green fields. By building a development on the green my fear is that safety of the roads and traffic will be a great concern. At present when the Davenant school pupils finish some tend to use the field to walk on. This is when they are walking to the bus stop but some of them walk in the road next to Jessel Green. This is not a small number of 5 or 8 pupils, there are normally about 20-30 pupils in the road. Cars have to drive round them. By putting a development on the green I can see that more pupils will be using the road as a footpath. In the recent two months the air ambulance has made numerous landings on the green. This is a vital service and will no longer continue if the planned development goes ahead. 2)Wellbeing Many people use the green for exercising, dog walking and children playing. How would building on this benefit the ever growing obesity crisis for the population of today and in the future? It also comes to my understanding that having green space nearby is good for mental health and wellbeing. 3)Infrastructure If EFDC are to proceed with these developments where are the new health clinics, schools and dentists going to be sited? These are vital services that are under immense strain already. We will require more police, more paramedics and possibly a strengthened fire service. Will these requirements be met? 4)Environmental impact I understand that on these green sites there are trees that have been there for many generations. In a heightened state of climate change awareness would it be wise to hack these trees down and to concrete over the greenery? It is not just the public that frequent these spaces but surely nature uses it as a home too? In the event of very heavy rain how would some of the areas cope by having no grass and earth to soak up the excess water? This would surely result in more houses flooding. More houses means more household waste - are the council going to provide more refuse collections? If so, that means more heavy goods vehicles on the roads which equals more pollution. In general litter is at a low level. I believe this will increase a lot by the larger number of people in the area. The above points are a worry to me. I do not think these proposals have been thought through. The council should be looking to the future by building new towns with better layouts and incorporating better technology. These plans are also clearly to save money which I understand at this present time of uncertainty. But by doing this it will not be beneficial and the future generation will be no better off. This will leave the town at bursting point. Rather than building on green sites they should be protected for the present generation as well as the future generation. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. Ben Nuttall

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