

22ND January 2018

FAO Independent EFD local Plan Inspector

Dear Sir/Madam

I have completed the online response for Regulation 19 Epping Forest District Submission Local Plan and wish to add my personal reasons to the unsoundness of the plan. I have listed on there to have site LOU.R5 removed and saved and think it should be protected by a fields in trust or local green space award to prevent this shameful decision re-occurring in the future.

I have lived across the district for 12 years the last 4 in Debden.

I have lived in this area for nearly 4 years. My played on Jessel Green in the
50s long before the estate was expanded and my was part of the
workforce that built the initial estate. I suffer from and I use this green as a
calming space where I feel safe, can walk my dogs and take my Nieces and Nephews to play.
It provides me a place where I can safely see people approaching. It provides some amazing
views to reflect on and enjoy my hobby of photography for the amazing sunsets and
sunrises (recommended and encouraged). Importantly, it gives me social
interaction. I've watched and cheered the fitness groups as they exercise, I've spoken to
many dog walkers, watched children learning to ride bikes and spoke to their parents
and/or grandparents that laugh reminiscing about how they learnt to ride their bikes there
back in the day. This year was the first time I managed to go to the Funday. I bumped into
old work colleagues, had friends travel from to have a picnic – I cannot put
into words how beneficial this was for my health.

This green IS a community green. It is used come rain, shine and snow by people, dogs, wildlife and let's not forget the air ambulance. It is a free amenity used for health, mental wellbeing, recreation and truly is a hub for the local community. It is a vital necessity for future generations to combat obesity, promote good mental health and provide better air quality to decrease illnesses such as asthma and COPD.

I would like you to consider the following from the history of council housing.

https://fet.uwe.ac.uk/conweb/house_ages/council_housing/print.htm

BEFORE COUNCIL HOUSING

Problems of poor housing conditions, mostly in inner city areas, grew steadily as city populations increased. With the development of high density, unorganised neighbourhoods, overcrowding became commonplace. In the poorer areas of cities families could be found huddled in dark and unsanitary courts of squalid housing often without facilities and natural light. Some of the worst conditions were found in London, Glasgow, Liverpool and Newcastle. Concerns began to grow across the country about public health arguably this was stimulated by a fear among the middle classes of infectious disease spreading from the overcrowded and insanitary working class housing into where they lived. There was pressure on the Government to begin looking at housing issues and they were slowly persuaded to intervene. It was argued that new private housing was too expensive for most working class families and of these houses, most were built in the suburbs which were too expensive and distant from their sites of employment.

HOMES FOR HEROES

Planners promoted the construction of new suburban 'garden' estates, situated on the outskirts of cities. Mainly consisting of three bed houses for families, the design of the estates aimed to create self-contained communities of low density - often with no more than 12 houses per acre. Facilities, including churches, schools and shops, were provided; public houses were initially excluded from the plans. On most estates, house were provided with a generous size garden to encourage the tenants to grow their own vegetables, a privet hedge at the front and an apple tree at the back. The interiors varied, some having a parlour, but all had a scullery and bath. For most new tenants these new conditions were a huge improvement on their previous slum housing where they had experienced overcrowding and often were without even basic facilities.

You will be reducing massively my wellbeing and that of others alongside the technical reasons my objection states to the services and infrastructure in the area. Don't let building on this space be your legacy to my future generations and in effect take us back to Victorian times.

Sincerely hoping you can make the correct decision regarding how wrong this plan is,

Yours Faithfully

Lisa Tong