

## 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 We are writing to respond 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 These are our reasons for disagreeing with this plan which are as follows:-

- **PERSONAL REASONS** Our family use Jessel Green on a daily basis (as do most families around here) for various activities which include walking our dog, playing with the children in the fresh air to play football /ride their bikes and play other games that require green open space and it is used all year round including the winter! (The government is promoting us to encourage outside exercise for us all to combat the obesity that is a health concern costing the NHS a fortune) Not to mention all the other uses that the local community use it for including picnics/ group exercise keep fit activities / Karate practice / local schools that use the green for outside classes and projects. I would also like to say that us ladies feel safe walking on the greens with our dogs which is exercise for us, we wouldn't feel safe in the forest. Also on a regular basis we attend functions that are held on the green each year for example the Fun day in August and the Christmas functions that are held there, we do not have a village green in Loughton/Debden to hold these activities on as an alternative.
- **GENERAL INFRASTRUTURE CONCERNS THAT AFFECT EVERYONE IN THE AREA** There doesn't seem to be any plans to increase the infrastructure 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 we are 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 the extra cars that will be brought to the area.
- **FLOODING** On the part of Jessel Green where the houses are being recommended to be built it is often very marshy and wet as the green absorbs the overflow of heavy rain which runs down the hill to the bottom, any housing there is going to have problems with flooding and as I understand there is a underground stream at that runs underneath the bottom of Jessel Green that causes that area to be very wet & marshy
- **TRAINS/CENTRAL LINE** 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.
- **CRIME** If these plans go ahead and Epping Forest allocate all the proposed housing on the draft especially on Jessel Green / Debden, it will turn the area into an estate that will resemble an inner city estate into a labyrinth with no green spaces for the young to let off their energy, it is a known fact that the more houses/flats that are bunched together the more

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crime seems to follow.. • EMERGENCY SERVICES 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, it won't be able to land on top of the houses! 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 us 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 travesty to build on Jessel Green and the Rochford Green on the Debden Estate. When this estate was originally planned and designed it was to give green spaces to promote the wellbeing of the people who live there and to encourage a healthy life style; the estate has done that for many years so the plan worked, this is the worst thing that can happen in our area we have always voted conservative not anymore if you continue with this terrible plan for us, as you do not represent the view of the Loughton community and have side tracked any thought for the affect this building plan as it stands will cause to the local people who live here, we would rather you build on green belt rather than on our greens as it building on the green will affect far more people.