

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 RE; Response to EFDC's Draft Local Plan I feel that I must put in my writing my strong objections to EFDC's proposed threat to Loughton's Green Spaces. Specifically Jessel Green, Rochford Green, Borders Lane playing field (Lucton's Field) & Middle site Borders Lane. I and my family have all used the Debden Greens frequently for over 20 years. The Greens were deliberately planned as part of the garden suburb for the physical and mental health of its residents and are vital recreational space. They are needed for walking, running, playing, picnics, exercising dogs, air ambulance landings and community events such as the annual Jessel Green Family Fun Day. Other Essex districts are planning new garden villages, - why aren't EFDC? Urban intensification will destroy the leafy suburban environment of Loughton. Badly-utilised brownfield land should be taken first (such as Clinton Cards site, run down bits of Langston Road). Also please consider unused allotments or part of the Met Police Sports Ground in Chigwell. I understand the Plan sets out what back up services will need to be provided - transport, health, education, leisure and social needs, - BUT it doesn't say who will make sure this happens or when or where they will appear. Schools are already at full capacity, the main roads are already clogged during rush hour and the Central Line would not be able to cope with commuters from a thousand extra homes. I hope that you do NOT build on any of our Greens, and also ask that you approve the 'Village Green' application submitted to EFDC 2 years ago, so that we do not have to keep fighting to protect these public open spaces which give so much value and benefit to Loughton's residents. Jean Cocklin

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