

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 writing to you with regards to the ridiculous proposal of building 1,190 homes in Loughton, particularly building on our much loved Jessel Green. I understand that you have been planning this mass build over the past 5 years however have only given us (the residents) until 12th December to inform you of our views!! To me and every single person that I have spoken to regarding this matter, this time frame is ludicrous and seems very devious, almost like the council are going ahead with the plans regardless of the thoughts of the residents, the local area, and the people this actually matters too. Well, I would like to make this very clear to you that I am totally against these plans, totally against you taking what seems every single piece of green land away from our community, from us, from our elderly and our children! I moved to the area five years ago (with my son who was 7 months old at the time) **...REDACTED...** I chose to move to this area due to how pretty and calm the area felt, how I could picture my child years on living here. As you can imagine, **...REDACTED...** every day I found myself walking around Jessel Green reflecting on my current wellbeing, this green was my sanctuary, my place free from all the stresses of everyday life and it became the vital medication to finding my way out of that deep hole I was in. Without that space I can honestly say I don't think I would have recovered the way I did. Jessel Green has since become a regular space we use as a family, my son learnt to ride his bike over those fields, many picnics have been had throughout the summer holidays and weekends not forgetting the fantastic community events held on the green with astonishing turn out each time. This is our green, PLEASE DO NOT TAKE IT FROM US. I am very concerned how placing 195 houses on this vital green space is going to benefit the community? It seems that the council have come up with this rational idea however have not considered the impact this level of building will have on the area, I list my main concerns regarding the infrastructure of this whole proposal, •The impact on the schools within the area: Loughton schools are already over-subscribed; building more houses into an area where schools are full to the brim prior to the build is worryingly going to place more pressure on our local schools. I would like to point out that Hereward would be the catchment school for Jessel Green and this school only has a two form intake!! •Child obesity: Taking our green away from our children is bound to affect their health and is only going to push them towards being overweight, square eyed television addicts of whom are computer reliant and have severe mental health issues. •Roads & Trains: Already gridlocked within rush hours and hard to get seats on the central line commute, adding this many houses to the area would just add to this! TFL are trying to remove a much loved and used service which is accessible using oyster card, this being removed along with adding many more people into the area would also impact congestion into the area. •Stream running under Jessel Green: Have the council not considered the stream that currently runs underneath Jessel Green? Building onto this, would put the current houses at risk of flooding! •Doctors Surgeries: It is already very difficult to get a doctor's appointment, adding

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this high percentage of housing into the area will impact greatly on our local NHS services. With having a **...REDACTED...** whom has severe Asthma, I am very concerned about the future risk of not being able to get an emergency appointment when needed should he require one due to the sheer volume of patients the local surgery would have should this housing development go ahead! This could put my child's life at risk. It seems that the council have decided to plan a build on any available green area and carpark in Loughton, not thinking (nor caring) about the the overall impact this would have on our community, I plead with you not to go ahead with this development, please consider areas such as the waste land on Langston Road. If the Council have decided to build on such a large scale in such a small area then why have extra schools, doctors surgeries, dentists, transport infrastructure not been considered? Why do you need to consider our loved green areas? This would break our community; it will see long standing residents leave the area! We choose to live in such a lovely green area; we didn't choose to live in a concrete city. Please don't build on our green, protect our village green! Kindest Regards **...REDACTED...**