

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:- Destruction of green spaces Destroying the green spaces in Debden will impact on people's physical, mental and emotional welfare. Taking away spaces for children and young people to play on will encourage obesity in children and their ability to interact, socially, with other children of their age and make new friends away from their school environment. My parents chose to move here in 1950 when i was 2 years old because of the environment around the houses (which I assume is why people bought houses facing Rochford Green and other green spaces). People then were informed that when the former L.C.C (Londong County Council) Bought the land from the Maitland Family, the green spaces would be kept in perpetuity. The reason I returned to live here permanently when my mother died was because of the space around me. I can now no longer walk past the site of the unique and iconic Sir Winston Churchill because of the height of the monstrosity that is now there (which we were assured would be no more than three stories tall - so much for council promises!!!) as I suffer from Claustrophobia. Without the space at Rochford Green I will face the prospect of being forced to move, leaving my friends and activities, or becoming house bound. The people who will be affected in a huge way are those facing Rochford Green as they will no longer be able to benefit mentally and emotionally from looking at spaces and the trees in the background. Knocking down the trees and digging up the grass all contributes to the destruction of our planet and depriving birds a feeding ground especially in the spring when they have young to feed. Watching the birds is very soothing and beneficial to both mental and emotional well-being, helping to reduce stress. Without open spaces to drain water into the underground reservoir all rain water will cascade down Westall Road and pool in Rochford Green road. Heavy and torrential rain could cause flooding in these low lying properties and also in Etheridge Road. In the case of Jessel Drive Green, which is a very steep hill, the roads around would be flooded thus impacting on the lives of the people living in the area and preventing the buses from running. With regard to local G.P. Surgeries. There is already a three or four week waiting list to see your G.P. which will be made worse by the extra strain put on these services by additional people requiring them. As for public transport, it is almost impossible to travel on the underground during rush hour, which will only be made worse by hundreds more people needing to travel at that time. Buses are not much better. Our schools are already overcrowded and more children requiring education will only increase this problem at a time when the government wants class sizes to fall. With reference to the ground owned by E.F.C. in Borders Lane. This was originally the playing field for Lucton girls school, which was knocked down for houses years ago. It has been in the state it is now for decades, with the college saying for years that it will be a leisure centre! If they have no intention of doing anything with this land why don't they turn it into a nature reserve. All it would need are a few trees and insect friendly plants to be planted and it would be a haven for wildlife and people alike. I am sure that volunteers could be found to do this as they would be helping not only themselves but many other people. The council also want to

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deprive us of Loughton library, which gives other services besides loaning out books. The citizens advice bureau is now there and there is a special time for pre-school children to go there for songs and games, and people like me, who are not on the internet, can go there to access this service. If the car park is built on, where will the cars that use it, park? I suppose it will be on the pavements as the council have no desire to help pedestrians as can be ascertained by the disgraceful condition of the pavements in the Debden area. We do not need more houses in the area, what we need are less people. If the original council houses were not given to foreigners then English people would have somewhere to live. A number of years ago, we wanted to replace Trinity Church in Mannock drive with a new church and cheap housing for key workers. Planning permission was denied on the grounds that it would be too tall and interfere with the view of the neighbouring houses!!! what will all this house building on green spaces do to the view of the people living around them? These are my views and I expect, those of many other people living near green spaces. I realise that Councillors do not take any notice of what residents want but I think you should be made aware of the feelings of the majority of people who will be affected by your decisions. Yours faithfully, ...Redacted...

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