

I personally feel not enough is being done to target wasteland and brownfield. For instance, not far from the Jessel Green, in Willingale Road, there is St. Thomas More's Church and Hall which are currently boarded up. Aren't these probably suitable sites which could be used or utilised for possible housing development, isn't this just a site which would be better suited for the purposes rather than singling out the Green or such like landscape which are used by the community where the aforementioned church and hall simply are being left to decay? Building work has commenced on what were previously garages off Hillyfields, so this and other such sites would surely be perfectly acceptable for housing projects?

Another issue I have, and it would be interesting to see what a surveyor on the subject, but has it gone unnoticed that during a wet Winter, or even wet Spring, that the rain water from the adjacent hill (which is the West side of Jessel Green) makes the soil particularly muddy and even water logged, and excess rain water is enough to flow over the top of the curb stones and into the road on the level. Now if this is the case, isn't there the likelihood that properties on this site will be subject to damp and rather water logged gardens? This could prove to be unsuitable conditions and even increase the risk of health problems for residents on that location.

Any construction work in this area is no doubt going to have an impact on the road networks and use of, and the bus services and twice daily school run are the immediately issue. With more traffic on these roads, and even more parking now on the roads adjacent to Rectory Lane since the introduction of the parking charges on the stretch along Rectory Lane between East 15 Acting School and Epping Forest College, it is obvious that increased traffic around an area which has a higher than average number of children and teenagers, it does pose the question whether there might be a heightened risk of accidents, injuries and further (unnecessary) congestion to the local residents during any building activity.

Surely, what with Brexit looming, and whether you're for or against, the long term impact is likely to be one of fewer numbers and a noticeable exodus across the country, one only needs to follow the media to see how the number application for nurses and University places are raised as a concern to understand that numbers are falling and this poses the question that, particularly with the failing uptake in the nursing field alone, the health service is likely to be having difficulties and therefore who's going to want to stay here long term? You might not think this relevant, but, as it happens, I do. Numbers falling from any quarter at significant levels poses the question as to how are we adjusting to this alteration and coming up with a flexible solution to head off any impact and what are the changes as a result. I suggest that this should be part of the overall long term plan and have an assessment to suggest the impact on our building requirements, too often, I have seen the cogs in projects which seem negotiable be overlooked only to raise their importance down the line and become show stoppers and end up causing untold issues at a later date because of a lack of foresight in the structure of those overseeing the project. You might think, that such a thing doesn't apply here, but you should be even more accountable for the decisions made and seeking suitable alternatives.

In the long term then, our housing requirements might easily alter and lower levels may be needed, we could therefore be left with a housing glut which would damage the market, and also, the need for school places becoming fewer. So why then do Greens have to be chosen as a solution to solve the issue at the present time? If Jessel Green, or any other Greens for that matter become subject to housing development selection, these would never be returned to open spaces again, whilst I can see about me wasteland and existing unused built on sites which would surely be a preferred option and simply Common Sense to use first. It is the residents who have to live there and therefore their views should be the ones taken into consideration.

Whilst new housing is of concern for parts of the county, this area, situated so closely to a number of schools also raises the question of how will schools manage in the future and are there sufficient places for any extra numbers likely to arise from a development in our area. Should this not also be looked at in the overall impact for the area needs and new schools be part of a program such as this? Is it not going to be necessary to re-evaluate the number of school places required and where

these are to be sited in future? This too is of course an issue for any area selected, but it is inevitable that increasing the housing in this area will simply put further pressures on the local residents and schools, and therefore wouldn't it be a better to consider dispersing the numbers further a field or over a larger area than sighting more into such a condensed area where numbers already impact on the residents surrounding Jessel Green as it is?