

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 I am writing regarding my opposition to the proposed building on Jessel Green. The green is a lovely and vital open space for the community to use, it is one of the things that makes this area pleasant to live in. The fact it is not all concrete like other towns and that it has the leafy suburban environment, gives Debden its soul. We need open spaces for the people to be able to use, dog walkers don't just walk dogs, they meet with friends while out and it is important for people to communicate with friends and neighbours and for children to be able to play freely. Whilst some may say we have the forest nearby, it is simply not the same, children cannot travel from here to play freely in the forest unaccompanied, however playing on a fields near their homes is perfect for our younger generations. This make accessible public greens even more important to the community. There are other more suitable sites in the area such as the industrial brownfield land at the site of Clinton Cards and some run down bits of Langston road. Also there are green spaces that are unsuitable for team games or exercise and community events because they are too hilly or it may be private land. Could EDFC possibly consider some planning such as the garden village idea, like other Essex Councils are. Surely this amount of new homes would mean the need for extra schools, of which we have five already in this part of Laughton, where would these be built? And with the current turmoil of the busses stopping at Loughton Station how is the town going to be services with public transport? but that is another matter. Please reconsider this site Jessel Green is an important part of this community. As again this weekend showed, it is also invaluable green space as the Air Ambulance was able to land there on Saturday. This is a fairly regular occurrence and if the land is taken away where would it conveniently land? I request an acknowledgement of receipt of this letter, thank you.

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