



Epping Forest District Council Representations to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

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Letter or Email Response:

We am writing this letter in response to the recent plans to build on the green spaces in Loughton. One of the many features of the Loughton area is the green spaces and we utilise these frequently. In particular we use Jessel Green to walk our dogs daily. Jessel Green is used for many public events like summer activities - play in the park (organised by the EFDC), Jessel Green fun day run by a couple of local churches and LTC, air ambulance landings, teddy bears picnics and the list I'm sure goes on. Building on this site will, I feel, mean a smaller venue for such events, restricted access from adjoining roads, greater public liability due to residential dwellings being in closer proximity to the park and not to mention the effects to the ambiance of this space. We feel that there are better spaces that can be used instead of green spaces, such as Clinton Cards site and run down bits of Langston Road for example. We are also concerned that the council is overlooking the reason why green spaces were built, for the physical and mental well being of the residents. Taking parts of these away and turning them into residential areas is doing the community a disservice, not to mention the added pressure to services like buses, schools, and doctors. We trust you will view our concerns and consider our suggestions.