

TO: Independent EFD Local Plan Inspector.

I want to see site LOU.R5 saved and protected because the space is necessary for all people, young and old to be able to use for their mental health wellbeing, social and community use. We are constantly being told that obesity levels are on the increase. Taking this local space away will not assist young or older people tackle obesity levels as it provides space to be able to walk and exercise on free of charge. There are already groups that can be seen training on Jessel Green and many people use this space to walk on. Children can play on this area safely without having to cross any major roads and they do not have to travel far to use this space.

I use this space to walk on. In the past I have used this to teach my children to ride their bikes; fly kites and watched them play football. The air ambulance has landed safely on Jessel Green on a number of occasions which has no doubt contributed in saving the lives of whoever was affected. I felt safe in allowing them to go and play where I could see them from a safe distance allowing them their independence. I still use this space to walk on. When I come home from working in central London I find the green has a calming effect. If I see my neighbours on there it encourages me to go and speak to them. The area is peaceful and the trees that have been planted over the years make the space even more enjoyable. I find this beneficial for my mental wellbeing too. Others, who I have spoken to have used this space to aid their recovery after operations or major illness e.g. cancer.

I feel the current infrastructure cannot support any new housing. The existing roads are not wide enough to support any more cars and it is not as though any new roads will be created to cope with any existing housing. Even if they were the layout of existing roads will not be changed thus creating rat runs for the area with an increased risk of accidents. More traffic will be created by new housing and this will impact on the already increased traffic queues in Loughton Broadway. Whilst new housing may come with parking spaces these do not cater for multiple cars. Cars will only add more pollution to the area and with a possible further reduction in local transport facilities this will only push up the number of cars. Parents with children in local schools already use the adjoining roads to travel upon and further housing will only increase this especially as local schools are already full so any additional housing would mean possible travelling outside the area.

Jessel Green should remain as it is; a space for all of the community, to be used by and for the community.