

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I was born in Loughton, attended schools in Loughton, worked in Loughton, and now own our own business in Loughton. We have seen many changes over the years some good but a lot has been bad. We are now very frustrated at the proposed district plans for housing especially taking away our much loved and used green spaces i.e. Jessel Green, Rachford Green and Lucton's field. Access to green spaces is linked to better mental health and well being and exercising in green spaces versus indoors is also linked to better mental health and well being. We walk our dog on Jessel green and have made many friends, with other dog walkers, also have seen lots of wildlife on Jessel Green including green woodpeckers, squirrels, foxes, hedgehogs and have also seen bats when walking our dog at sunset on the green. We have enjoyed the Jessel Green community run day which we now take our grandchildren to. Taking away these green spaces within a walk able distance from our homes will have a negative attitude rather than a positive attitude towards our community. One factor is the increased longevity of life of the participants independently of other factors including age, sex, marital status, and social economic group. Why has the council not considered large areas of land outside of the town, where you could build a garden city with infrastructure, schools, doctors surgeries etc. Our suggestions are Chigwell Metropolitan Police sports ground, North Weald airfield, Farm Lands to the north of Debden Park high school. Loughton's roads and parking cannot cope now with another 1190 homes we will be grid locked even more, even now you wait two weeks for a doctors appointment, Loughton High Road is a sad reflection ...Redacted.... and allowing too many nail bars, coffee shops, hairdressers, estate agents and charity shops, and now it will be ruined further by the new retail park in Langston Road. Once again irresponsible decision making by the council why was the retail park not set aside and used for housing as there would be excellent links to transport and the motorway. You as our council representatives should be making what we have now better rather than building these homes in totally unacceptable places, you could help the businesses in Loughton and Debden with reduced business rates, this would create a better diversity of shops, would not have so many empty shops on our high road creating employment and wealth for this area. We hope you consider our points and views as we are sure these views would be very similar from our local residents.

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