

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Epping Forest Council, We am writing to you following the proposal regarding the local development plans in Loughton in particular to Jessel Green. Our concerns are as follows- The current infrastructure that cannot maintain the existing services. We have young children of primary school age and all the local primary and senior schools are oversubscribed. We also have preschool aged children and are currently finding it impossible to find a local nursery/playschool for them to attend as spaces are already taken by families on benefits who are able to send their children to nursery from age 2 funded. But as we work we are not entitled to funding until age 3 by which time there is no availability. This will be made even more difficult as 40% of the properties you wish to build will be council owned resulting in more families on benefits in the area. The current Health system is already in crisis and is almost impossible the get a Dr's appointment on the same day. Our 2 most recent Dr's appointments had to be booked 3-4 weeks in advance and recently was forced to take our child to an A&E 30 minutes away to see a Dr as I was unable to get them an emergency appointment. The same applies to the local dentist service as well. The Government department of health advertises the need to get active and healthy by promoting physical exercise and you're proposing that you take away the nearby greens, this green space is used consistently by not only the surrounding residents, young and old, but for wider events and running and exercise clubs leaving no green space for local residents and undermining the Government's get fit programme. My family use Jessel Green on a weekly basis for fitness. In terms of the emergency services most of the local services to the Police force have been shut down and moved to further afield so in an emergency it can take a long time for them to respond, Loughton fire station has been under threat of closure for years, I believe you also took away one of their engines this year and the nearest hospitals are 30-40 minutes away. More homes in the area will only make the traffic situation worse than it already is. It already takes 15-20 mins for us to access the M11 from our home, which should only be a 3-4 minute journey with no traffic. These are just some of the reasons not to build on a well-used area of space that is currently already at stretching point with all of its main services. Mr and Mrs Hutchinson

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