

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I am horrified to hear you are planning to build on Jessel Green and Rochford Green, two outstanding fields that speak of the natural beauty of England. Mistakes in planning are as expensive as they are permanent: once it's built it's there to stay. Planning must look ahead, into the future, it's meant to have a vision. The wealth of an area —and hence of the Nation— is in direct proportion to getting the planning right. Could you please tell me which vision inspires building on Jessel Green and Rochford Green? It goes without saying that the future doesn't lie in overbuilding. It's ugly and has a negative effect on communities. Depriving residents in the area from having greens where to gather, organise events or simply go for walks, has a direct negative impact on their quality of life. Do they really deserve this? Is this necessary or is it only inspired by greed? Building on Jessel and Rochford Green only puts additional pressure on the environment in the area. It's by all standards unacceptable. Developing the greens will bring a huge loss in value to the whole area. From the public law perspective, causing a damage is only justified when it's the only means to avoid an even greater loss. However there is no need for this sacrifice of the Greens, so where would the justification be for this destruction? The profit of a few (developers) isn't a reason at all for the Community at large to have to suffer such a loss. Please do not develop Jessel and Rochford Green. It would be a huge mistake and cause irreparable damage to the area.

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