

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

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Letter or Email Response:

To Whom It May Concern, Response to Draft Local Plan Public Consultation. I am writing to express my objection to the draft local plan. Especially those put forward for the Debden Estate namely Jessel Green, Rochford Green and Borders Lane Playing Fields. I especially oppose plans put forward for Jessel Green as I live next to it and use it every day, sometimes twice a day, to walk my dog. In summer you would find me there with my family and friends as we frequent the green to either socialise or play normal childhood activities with my young family. Loughton does not have open parks like other areas do. More areas like this should be provided not taken away - which has already been done so on the Debden Estate as many areas have already been built on previously. It is vital we keep what little green space we have left, as they provide somewhere for young people to play sport, somewhere for dogs to be walked, local events to take place and for recreational use. These plans would have a negative effect on the well-being to all that use them and all residents living nearby. These spaces were specifically made for the physical and mental health of it's residents. If they are taken away, the only green spaces left are unusable because it is either private land or too hilly. These greens were designed to be an important aspect to the estate when it was created, this fact has not changed and if anything, with todays fast paced lifestyle I would think most agree it is vitally more important than ever that the greens are left untouched. Parts of Jessel Green are already at risk of flooding, which would increase. There's an underground stream running along side the green and disturbing it could cause a lot of problems. From September to May each year a third of the green is too boggy to use. Building the flats would make what can already be a difficult place to park even worse, increase traffic and air pollution would increase. Schools are already full. Hereward Primary School already have 30 places out of 60, allocated to siblings of current students who will be starting Reception in 2017. That's half of that year taken up. Having more children in the area would make the situation worse. TFL have said the Central Line is already at full capacity and wouldn't be able to cope with an extra 3% of the capacity. Hard working people are already having a tough time travelling to and from work! How can making it worse be acceptable? Jessel Green is the only place locally where the air ambulance can land safely. In the past 2 months it has been used 5 times saving lives. Dr surgeries and dentists are already struggling with the high demand in this area and increasing the population would make this worse. I understand one of the farming lands behind Willingale Road's lease is coming to an end. If you need to build somewhere I would refer to build there as there would be minimal disruption compared to building on our green spaces. There are also unused brownfield land in the area for example Clinton Cards on Langston Road. Surely these are the places thats should be used first? There are other districts in Essex planning new garden villages. Why can't this be a possibility? I would like to ask that you review this draft plan and instead protect our green spaces, and seriously reconsider a garden city further out as what you propose would have a detrimental impact on the

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happiness and wellbeing of the community not just in the present but also in the future and this includes our children's future. Darren Sandy