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Sent: 08 March 2016 14:27
To: Planning Policy Team, Brentwood Borough Council
Subject: Proposed Housing Plans - Addendum

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was told by one of the officers at the roadshow I attended recently that additions can be made to feedback already given and I would like to do so.

As indicated in my submission of the 27th of February, I agree wholeheartedly that the area proposed for the Dunton Hills Garden Village development is well chosen for this purpose and I believe the same could be said of the land across the A128 from it which extends westwards to the B186 (Warley Street). This would be an ideal prospect for additional development although there would, no doubt, be objections from the residents of the West and East Horndons but, I suspect, the numbers effected here compared with those living close to the many scattered areas in and around Brentwood town under consideration would be considerably fewer.

If plans such as this came to fruition, residents living in areas local to them like the Horndons could, in the long run, actually benefit from a satellite settlement such as this. Those living near to them would have local shops, no doubt including one provided by one of the major supermarkets, which would mean they would not have to go into Brentwood for their main shop. The alternative, if sites are developed in Brentwood town and in close proximity to it, would be long traffic queues into Brentwood and difficulty in parking having arrived there. My wife and I are aware of the horrors of parking in Sainsbury's car park mid-morning, mid-week which is the quietest time there.

None of us likes the idea of losing green belt land but I do believe that we are blessed, living in this part of the world, as we have so many country parks and other country areas that we can visit and enjoy outdoor recreational pursuits in - areas such as this are vital to the well being of local residents but I also believe this is true of living in a town not clogged up with traffic and the inevitable attendant pollution.

Whatever choices are made there will always be dissenters but it seems to me that, in broad terms, there are two main options. A relatively large number of people could be satisfied by avoiding the many scattered developments in and around Brentwood town, which would mean creating satellite settlements such as Dunton Hills Garden Village. Alternatively, a significantly smaller number of people could be satisfied, initially, by building new homes in and around the town. This would mean an increase in traffic to the detriment of all Brentwood residents, including those living out of town who need to travel in to it, bringing with it increased risks to health and safety as a result of pollution and the prospect of there being more road traffic accidents.

I truly believe that this latter option would create a town that would no longer be a pleasant one to live or work in and I am concerned that with there being a strong need to do something about the resulting traffic problems we could see road developments that would completely change our town making it unrecognisable.

Very Best Wishes,

Stephen

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