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**BRENTWOOD
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Brentwood Borough Local Plan

Strategic Growth Options Consultation

January 2015

Consultation questionnaire

This consultation questionnaire relates to the Brentwood Local Plan Strategic Growth Options Consultation and is provided for you to make comments. Please take the opportunity to read the consultation document before filling in this form and returning to:

Planning Policy Team, Brentwood Borough Council Town Hall, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AY
or by email to planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk

Comments need to be received by 5pm on Tuesday 17 February 2015

If you need any help completing this form please contact the Planning Policy Team using the contact details given above or by telephoning 01277 312620.

Personal Details

Questions

The Council is seeking responses on key issues. Focused questions appear in bold boxes throughout the Strategic Growth Options document. These questions are summarised in this consultation questionnaire. More information can be found at www.brentwood.gov.uk/localplan.

Please use an additional sheet if necessary. Please note that all responses will be published online.

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Q1: Do you agree with the broad areas, for the purpose of considering approaches to growth?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Comments

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Q2: Do you agree with the issues raised within each of these areas?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Comments

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Q3: Do you have any comments on the appropriateness of particular sites? Yes ☒ No ☐

Comments

West Hornden / Duntun seems attractive

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Q4: Given the greater capacity for growth along the A127 corridor, which of the sites put forward do you think is the best location for growth?

Comments

As above

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Q5: Should the A12 corridor accommodate growth by releasing sites on the edge of urban areas?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Comments This will involve use of Green Belt land. More importantly the current infrastructure - roads, schools, hospitals, GPs/Dental practices CANNOT cope, and I see little mention of how this will be addressed

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Q6: In order to provide for local need is it preferable for Greenfield sites on the edge of villages to be released, or to develop brownfield sites (both within the Green Belt)?

Comments Brownfield sites (even within Green Belt) HAS to be a high priority for any required development

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Q7: To enable future employment need to be met do you agree that the most sustainable approach is to allocate new sites close to the strategic highway network?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Comments

We need to keep "industrial" traffic away from residential areas

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Q8: In order to ensure that the Town Centre remains economically sustainable, do you agree that a "Town Centre First" approach should be taken to retail development?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Comments Yes - we need to ensure Town Centres are (re)vitalised. Otherwise they will continue to more towards more food/alcohol outlets, becoming virtual "no go" areas at night. Council could assist - high rates have driven out normal retailers



Q9: Are there opportunities for more open space provision in the area where you live?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Comments

I don't know - Sheffield is busy.



Q10: Please rate the level to which you value the landscape near where you live (on a scale of 1 to 5), as compared to other areas within Brentwood Borough, for the following aspects:

Aspect:	Very Low	Low	Average	High	Very High
Scenic Beauty / Attractiveness	1	2	3	4	5
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use	1	2	3	4	5
Wildlife Interest	1	2	3	4	5
Historic Interest	1	2	3	4	5
Tranquility	1	2	3	4	5
Other – please specify:	1	2	3	4	5



Q11: To what extent do you think the following are present in the landscape near where you live (on a scale of 1 to 4):

Aspect:	Absent	Occasional	Frequent	Predominant
Houses	1	2	3	4
Commercial / Industrial buildings	1	2	3	4
Nature Reserves / Wildlife	1	2	3	4
Farmland	1	2	3	4
Woodland	1	2	3	4
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1	2	3	4
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)	1	2	3	4
Leisure / Recreation Facilities	1	2	3	4
Other – please specify:	1	2	3	4

? Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider? Yes ☒ No ☐

Comments Everyone feels strongly about maintaining green belt land. And ensuring development generally is appropriate and can be supported by the infrastructure. You have not explained how the infrastructure will be developed.

? Q13: What do you think the priorities for infrastructure spending should be?

Comments There is a major feeling. Development on the scale proposed will need major investment on infrastructure. The current hospital situation is nothing short of disgraceful in Brentwood - we have to go to Queen or Broomfield. We are badly served.

Schools are full. GP practices (Dental closed to new patients). Parking a nightmare. Buses poor. Road surfaces / potholes a disgrace. The Plan fails to address these concerns. And fails to address the fact that residents do not want to live in a featureless suburban landscape, with a diminishing green belt, and boarded up shops in our High Streets.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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