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## Brentwood Borough Local Plan

# Strategic Growth Options Consultation

January 2015

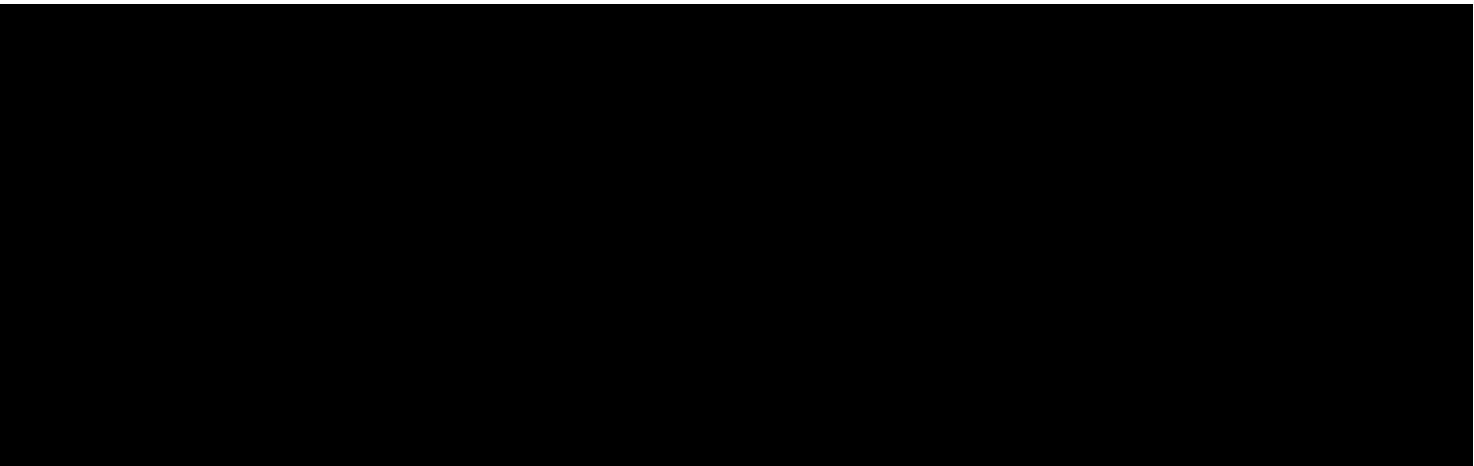
## Consultation questionnaire

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](mailto: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.



## 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](http://www.brentwood.gov.uk/localplan)**.

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



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

No

**Comments**

Growth for what exactly? Natural slow growth maybe but Brentwood is a town, surrounded by villages and some lovely countryside. Why the agenda to create a larger town or small City.



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

No

**Comments**

Growth in the area does not require the levels of houses suggested and certainly not by using green belt land



Q3: Do you have any comments on the appropriateness of particular sites? Yes

**Comments**

Firstly its green belt land which which was set out to be protected and would effect wild life in thoses areas and the quality of life of the residents in and around these areas. Secondly it would congest already busy roads and amenities. Destroying the countryside of Brentwood for people to travel into London is not the answer. There are plenty of brownfield sites in London to build on.



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**

Neither. Both sites would be detrimental to the surrounding areas and increase pressure on traffic and services and would destroy green belt land. The 'growth' suggested isn't natural nor needed



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

No

**Comments**

No, unless it's NOT green belt land nor protected habitat and then only as for natural growth



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**

Greenfield should NOT be used at all and regarding 'brownfield' sites, it depends on nature of it being a brownfield site. Sites like the one where the junction of the A127 with the M25 have become a brownfield site for a temporary reason should not now become permanently brownfield sites, but returned to their natural state



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?

No

**Comments**

Surely if any growth for employment was needed, areas around public transport would be the answer, otherwise you're planning on adding to already overcrowded roads

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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

**Comments**

High rates for shops, a poor road surface and back streets shut off should have been considered previously to make the Town centre more sustainable. The Bay Tree centre has been a flop. Too many poor or shut shops. Lakeside is not too far away for shopping etc.

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

**Comments**

All the areas suggested should remain as they are, open spaces, in that they are greenbelt land. A law was passed to protect greenbelt for good reason and not to be given up for a quick profit. Building on greenbelt land with housing estates and then adding small parks are are not an answer. The greenbelt not only enhances our life styles, but also that of many wildlife species

? 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					5
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use					5
Wildlife Interest					5
Historic Interest					5
Tranquility					5
Other – please specify:					
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? 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			3	
Commercial / Industrial buildings		2		
Nature Reserves / Wildlife				4
Farmland			3	
Woodland				4
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1			
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)			3	
Leisure / Recreation Facilities			3	
Other – please specify: Countryside .....				4

? Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider? Yes

**Comments**

Most housing estates built around the country push the flood plains to other areas and are never fully controlled, as seen many times on the news with communities flooding. Traffic in surrounding areas will become crowded despite any improvements and schools and GP services suffer. With due respect to other areas such as Romford, Ilford etc, their 'growth' has hardly enhanced the boroughs, despite what Councillors may think

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

**Comments**

Improvement on the roads we already have, like resurfacing and reopening closed roads in and around Brentwood and improvements and help for the high street shops. Any thoughts of developments should be a benefit and

improvement on the borough and kept in contrast to the area being within a predominantly green belt area

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire**

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