



**BRENTWOOD  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## Draft Local Plan

**2013 - 2033**

February 2016

## COMMENT FORM

From 10 February to 23 March 2016 we are consulting on the Draft Local Plan for Brentwood Borough. You can view and comment on the Draft Local Plan online at [www.brentwood.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.brentwood.gov.uk/localplan)

Alternatively, please use this form to share your views on the contents of the Draft Plan.

All responses should be received by Wednesday 23 March 2016

Please return forms to Planning Policy Team, Brentwood Borough Council, Town Hall, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AY, or alternatively attach completed forms and email them to [planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk)

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### PERSONAL DETAILS

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## YOUR COMMENTS

Please indicate which section(s) of the Draft Local Plan you are commenting on (where applicable please clearly state the Policy reference or paragraph number):

### Housing Land Allocations:

#### Greenfield Green Belt 022 Land at Honeypot Lane, Brentwood – PAGE 78

Please specify if you Support, Object or are providing a General Comment:  
(tick as appropriate)

Support

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Object

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General Comment

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**Comments** (please use additional sheet if required):

I am writing to express my **total opposition** to Honeypot Lane being proposed as a preferred site under the local plan and wish to see the site removed as a preferred site for additional homes.

My reasons are as follows:

### Highways

- For years Honeypot Lane has been used as a rat run. The Lane, note a Lane not a road, would not cope with the significant extra traffic that 250 homes would bring if it were used as an access to/from the proposed site. It is narrow and has been designated a 20 mph limit area for good reason.
- There is a major safety issue – there have been accidents in Honeypot Lane due to the speed of traffic, even though it is a restricted speed area.
- In addition any such development would put lots of extra pressure on the pinch point in Weald Road, which at the moment is too narrow for 2 cars to pass each other en route to or from the High Street.
- If cars cannot reach the High Street via Weald Road, the traffic will then impact on other cut-through roads, e.g. Sandpit Lane, Park Road etc. to Ongar Road or London Road, bringing major congestion and the increased probability of accidents. In fact, all surrounding roads that provide access will be affected.
- When there are problems on the A12/M25, which occur with great regularity, the resulting extra traffic trying to avoid the town centre is already a problem; these extra cars will just exacerbate the chaos and will add to the impact on Brentwood.
- The impact of the additional movements of a possible 500 extra cars from the proposed development to Brentwood/Shenfield stations, local schools, access to the A12 and M25, together with its effect on all the surrounding roads, which were not built for this volume of traffic, will bring even more disruption at crucial times of the day.
- Not only should it be taken into consideration the movements from the car/s owned per household, but also the number of on-line parcel/shopping lorry deliveries etc. which will add to traffic congestion.
- There have already been a significant number of houses built in the vicinity of Brentwood town centre in recent years; this further proposed development will add to the over-development.
- The noise and pollution resulting from the A12 is already a problem; further building would only exacerbate the problem.

### Infrastructure

- Our nearest local schools, St. Peter's and Holly Trees, are already oversubscribed. Therefore, this will add to the traffic chaos surrounding Brentwood when parents have to travel further afield to take their children to schools out of area.
- Our local doctors' surgeries are already at capacity – in fact, it already takes 3 to 4 weeks to obtain an appointment.

## Environmental

- The proposed site is already subject to flooding. In fact, there is a stream that runs through it, which flows from the higher ground around the High Street/London Road.
- If any new development were built on this proposed area, then it would increase the risk of flooding to other nearby areas – water will always find a way out. The houses would have huge problems obtaining buildings insurance, if indeed it were possible at all, in light of Insurance companies reviewing their stance due to an increase in flooding claims and the effects of climate change. It seems totally irresponsible to consider building homes on land that will flood, especially in light of the effects of previous planning disasters which have seen residents forced out of their homes in places like Cumbria, Somerset and in the Thames Valley.
- It is to be pointed out the Brook Road, Talbrook, etc.- nearby roads - have their names for a reason!
- Drainage has always been a problem in Honeypot Lane, which I am sure even your own records will confirm.
- Wildlife, such as bats, badgers, pheasants, foxes, deer, newts, etc. use the proposed site and nearby area.

In view of the above I would ask you to reconsider this proposed development on greenbelt land and remove it from your preferred site for homes list.

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