

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**

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

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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):

Policy 7.2

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

| Support | | |
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Comments (please use additional sheet if required):

CEG supports the aim of policy 7.2 to provide an appropriate mix, type and tenure of dwellings sufficient to provide choice and contribute towards the creation of sustainable, balanced and inclusive communities.

The achievement of this aim will be easier as part of a master planned self-sustaining new garden village than in a series of extensions to existing villages.

The policy is correct to ensure that the assessment of an appropriate mix has regard to the latest Strategic Housing Market Assessment and the Council's Housing Strategy. It is also important that any assessment at the time of an application for outline planning permission and subsequent reserved matters retains the flexibility to have regard to the nature, constraints, character and context of the site and development viability. CEG suggest that the Council should also have regard to market signals relevant at the time.

With this in mind we suggest the addition of "market signals" in the first sentence of the final paragraph of the policy so that it reads:

"The final housing mix, type and tenure will be subject to negotiation, account will be taken of the nature, constraints, character and context of the site, **market signals** and development viability".

CEG also express some concern about the policy's statement about the provision of a minimum of 5% self build properties. In the case of Dunton Garden Village this would translate to a minimum of 175 properties of a type which remain unproven. The provision of self build properties and their integration into the new community should be assessed at the time of application and subject to the suggested considerations above.

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