



**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

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

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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 5.1, 5.2

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

Support

Object

General Comment

Comments (please use additional sheet if required):

Southend Borough Council welcomes the preparation of the draft Brentwood Local Plan covering the whole of the Brentwood Borough and understands the need to produce a sound and up to date Plan to meet sustainable development needs. Southend Borough Council at this stage of plan preparation has no specific comments to make about any particular policy areas other than housing, and specifically delivery of homes, supporting infrastructure and the meeting of objectively assessed housing need.

We note in Policy 5.2 'Housing Growth' and supporting text that Brentwood Borough Council seeks to fully meet objectively assessed housing needs within the Brentwood Borough boundary. We note, however, that the plan does not appear to acknowledge that Brentwood may need to consider assisting other constrained neighbouring authorities within adjoining housing market areas to meet unmet housing need, in accordance with national policy and guidance, if this need cannot be met within that particular housing market area.

The duty to cooperate provides a mechanism for strategic matters to be addressed to ensure that development needs are planned for on a wider than local basis. Moreover it enables local authorities that are confronted by particular environmental and geographic constraints to address their development needs. Paragraph 182 of the NPPF states that 'the plans should consider unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development'.

In summary, national policy and guidance is clear that a local plan should:

- prepare a SHMA to assess full housing needs
- provide a delivery strategy that is clear in terms of where, when and how housing need will be delivered over the full plan period
- meet full, objectively assessed housing need for market and affordable housing
- meet the legal duty to cooperate and incorporate allowances for unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so; and
- boost significantly the supply of housing and ensure a deliverable five year housing land supply with an appropriate buffer can be maintained at all times.

With regard to additional housing development and infrastructure, Southend Borough Council notes that the A127, alongside the A130 and A13, forms a key route into Southend and this route is very

important for business and residents within Southend and the wider area. As such it is vital that any development proposed in proximity to the strategic transport network provides the necessary infrastructure improvements and mitigation to support the additional growth; and to not have a negative impact on the strategic highway network. In addition, measures that promote the use of public transport and alternatives to the car should also be considered as part of these new developments and incorporated into policy.

Southend Borough Council would like to be kept informed of future consultation on the development of the Brentwood draft Local Plan, and would seek future opportunities, where appropriate, to engage as part of the wider duty to co-operate process in Essex.

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