



**BRENTWOOD  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

# Brentwood Draft Local Plan Preferred Site Allocations

January 2018

## COMMENT FORM

From 29 January to 12 March 2018 we are consulting on the next stage of the Brentwood Local Plan: Preferred Site Allocations. You can view and comment on the consultation document 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 document.

All responses should be received by Monday 12 March 2018

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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By submitting this form, you are agreeing to these conditions.

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## YOUR COMMENTS

**Please indicate which section(s) of the Preferred Site Allocations document that you are commenting on** (where applicable please clearly state the section/heading or paragraph number):

The full Section 18 consultation documents and the supporting Sustainability Assessment documents

**Please specify if you Support, Object or are providing a General Comment:**  
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Support

Object

General Comment

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

The consultation document proposes a large number of possible sites for the development of residential and business properties. The supporting evidence on critical strategic infrastructure is poor; indeed they are described as “interim” and leave many issues not assessed. Of these the flood risk assessment for the area of West Horndon is a key missing assessment.

West Horndon is recovered fen land and as such has poor natural drainage which was made much worse when in the 1800s the railway line was constructed. Subsequent industrial and residential development has only made matters even worse. Over many years there have been a number of significant incidents with properties being seriously flooded. Following floods in the early 1980s surface water drainage was improved but the risk is still significant and during the winters of both 2012 and 2013 properties were once again flooded. The NPPF is very clear (paragraphs 94 & 100 - 103) that any development must take full account of flood risk before development is considered. Given the lack of detailed flood risk assessment it is impossible for anyone to come to a view on the use of any of the sites in the West Horndon area because they cannot understand the flood risk.

Thus, I question if this consultation is valid given the public are being asked to comment on something that no one can take an informed view of because of the lack of supporting evidence.

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