



BRENTWOOD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Local Plan 2015-2030
Preferred Options
July 2013
COMMENT FORM

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PERSONAL DETAILS

YOUR COMMENTS

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

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN REF. TO WEST HORNDON

Please specify if you Support or Object (tick as appropriate):

Support ☐

Object ☒

Comments (please use additional sheet if required):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER.



Please return to Planning Policy Team, Brentwood Borough Council, Town Hall, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AY, or alternatively attach completed form and email planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk

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All responses should be received by Wednesday 2nd October 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed building of 1500 homes at West Horndon, Essex

I am writing this letter to register my opposition to the proposed scheme . My reasons are as follows:

1. Consultation

The scheme you have proposed has no substance. How can anyone give a reasoned response when most of the information is not available in the report? ie. It's 'Pie in the Sky'

2. Infrastructure

a. Roads

It is obvious to anyone who visits the village that the roads are inadequate for the present needs and are badly maintained.

b. Rail

The present rail service is fully used and at full capacity. I am told that there is only standing room on the trains to Fenchurch from 0630hrs.

c. Buses

I know nothing about the bus services so I cannot give a view.

d. Health services

At present there is an adequate doctor and hospital presence locally. Additional population will overload the system.

The ageing population of West Horndon will progressively need health care and, as such, the present services will be stretched.

e. Sewerage

The present sewer system can barely cope . When heavy rain falls many gardens/houses are flooded with sewerage.

3. Location

a. Village Status

The area has approx 700 homes and the addition of another 1500 homes will, in effect, make it into a town [With no centre and no soul]

b. Metropolitan Green Belt.

I find it impossible to understand why it is necessary to erode this protected area when there must be other areas available. WASN'T THE GREEN BELT CREATED TO STOP URBAN SPRAWL?

c. Flood Danger.

I understand that the area of Metropolitan Green Belt designated is a 'Fail Safe' area to protect West Horndon from flooding ie. It's a flood plain. Should remedial action be taken, one assumes that Bulphan will be flooded and not West Horndon!!!

d. Employment

It is quite likely that the new arrivals will seek employment in London, with no benefit to Brentwood.

e. Wildlife

I believe that large colonies of wildlife, birds, small animals etc will be affected by building on the Green Belt site

f.

4 Fairness

- a. It seems a large number of homes have been allocated to West Horndon ie. 43%
- b Based on the 'Local Plan' and the locations shown in the local paper, it would appear that ,not many homes are proposed north of Brentwood. WHY!!
- c. It also appears that NO HOMES are proposed in Shenfield!!! WHY!!! It will have Cross-Rail and, one assumes, a large influx of people wishing to live there.
- d. Most villagers feel that West Horndon is being taken for a ride.

5.. Travellers

- a. The threat of having 'travellers sites' in the Village has acted as a sort of blackmail. Travellers sites cannot be sited on flood plains, therefore let the council build on the Industrial site and only leave flood plain sites so no travellers will come to the Village. Shame on you for using this tactic!
- b. No information is being given with your proposals regarding the traveller's sites. How can West Horndon feel that their future is in good hands when you are so devious?

6. The Industrial Site

- a. The nebulous plan to relocate the industrial site north of the A127 relies again on using a **Green Belt designated area**.
- b. Are all the tenants from the industrial area agreeable to move?

Conclusion:

1. Should any of the proposed work be carried out it will be detrimental to the well being of the people you are supposed to represent, West Horndon residents
2. With such an un-informed, weak, and badly thought out plan you are, for some reason, attempting to adopt. I cannot see that this has any professional input and, if it is so, political pressure must have been brought to bear. Are you doing your job or are you getting your constituents to do it for you?.
3. It is generally accepted in the Village that some houses will need to be built. The 'brown field' site would seem to be the most suitable, but, saturation of that site will also bring big problems.
4. If your previous record is anything to go by in West Horndon, the supporting infrastructure required for these houses, and to supplement the present population, will not be provided. Promises, Promises, Promises.

In the hope that you take account of my views, though I won't hold my breath:

Yours truly,

