



**BRENTWOOD
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Local Plan 2015-2030

Preferred Options

July 2013

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Paragraph 47 of the National Planning Policy Framework requires local planning authorities to use their evidence base to ensure that their Local Plan meets the full, objectively assessed needs for market and affordable housing in the area. Equally, paragraph 159 of the NPPF indicates that strategic housing market assessments should identify the scale/mix of housing and the range of tenures that the local population is likely to need over the plan period which meet household/population projections, taking account of migration and demographic change. The Strategic Objectives do not reflect the Government's expectation that local planning authorities will take action to boost significantly the supply of housing. Indeed, paragraph 2.30 of the Preferred Options for Consultation makes it clear that the Council does not intend to produce a local policy framework which meets local housing requirements. In these circumstances, Strategic Objective 8 fails to respond to the clear advice contained in the NPPF.

SO8 should be rephrased in order to provide a more positive response to the provision of new housing in the Borough in the period 2015-2030 by including reference to the establishment of a spatial strategy that addresses the consequences of migration and demographic change.

Paragraphs 83 and 84 of the NPPF refer to situations in which existing green belt boundaries can be reviewed. Strategic Objective 7 suggests that the existing extent of the green belt will be generally maintained. However, in order to ensure that necessary development is accommodated, it will be necessary to amend existing green belt boundaries as demonstrated by the content of Policy CP4. Strategic Objective 7 should include reference to the reconsideration of existing green belt boundaries to ensure that necessary development arising in the period to 2030 is accommodated.

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All responses should be received by Wednesday 2nd October 2013