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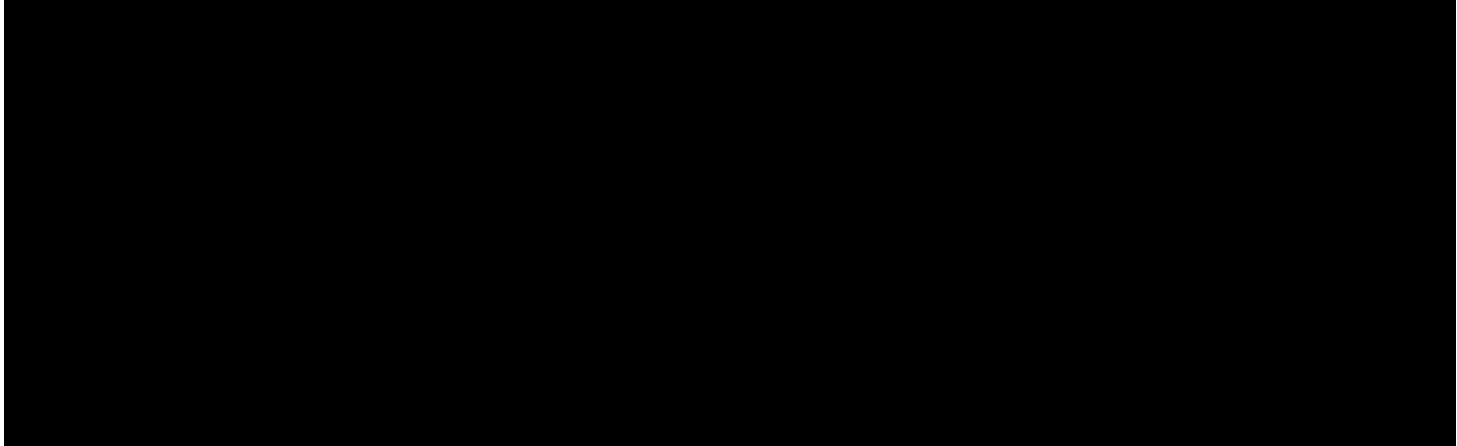
**Consultation questionnaire**

This consultation questionnaire relates to the Brentwood Local Plan Strategic Growth Options Consultation and is provided for you to make comments. Please take the opportunity to read the consultation document before filling in this form and returning to:  
**Planning Policy Team, Brentwood Borough Council Town Hall, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AY**  
 or by email to [planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk)

Comments need to be received by 5pm on Tuesday 17 February 2015

If you need any help completing this form please contact the Planning Policy Team using the contact details given above or by telephoning 01277 312620.

**Personal Details**



**Questions**

The Council is seeking responses on key issues. Focused questions appear in bold boxes throughout the Strategic Growth Options document. These questions are summarised in this consultation questionnaire. More information can be found at [www.brentwood.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.brentwood.gov.uk/localplan).

Please use an additional sheet if necessary. Please note that all responses will be published online.

? Q1: Do you agree with the broad areas, for the purpose of considering approaches to growth? Yes  No

**Comments**

- A) North of Borough - do not agree we need to 'allow villages to grow'. Whole purpose of living in a village is for it to remain a village and not be expanded and create even more problems with roads, drainage, provision of energy resources, litter and social problems.
- B) Agree, but would definitely have to include better road system and access. Traffic flow a problem.
- C) Agree, but again road problems would have to be dealt with. Also farmland and environment to be taken into consideration.

? Q2: Do you agree with the issues raised within each of these areas? Yes  No

**Comments**

- A) North of Borough - comment 2.14 agree  
comment 2.15 do not agree
- B) Broadly agree
- C) " "

? Q3: Do you have any comments on the appropriateness of particular sites? Yes  No

**Comments**

I believe option c - the W. Hamdon <sup>Dunton</sup> proposal should be the preferred option. Attempting to 'grow' or develop villages causes pockets of infrastructure problems to overcome, social, education, roads, services etc. and destroys village life & impacts on the greenbelt/wildlife. Keeping one major development to one area would impact only on that area (unfortunately).

? Q4: Given the greater capacity for growth along the A127 corridor, which of the sites put forward do you think is the best location for growth?

**Comments**

Cross-boundary development at Dunton

? Q5: Should the A12 corridor accommodate growth by releasing sites on the edge of urban areas? Yes  No

**Comments**

I have answered 'Yes', but obviously the A12 is already a road way beyond capacity. The use of brownfield sites in preference to greenfield - but makes sense to allow building near to access for major roads. Trying to get access for increased numbers of people further out in villages would be expensive & disruptive.

? Q6: In order to provide for local need is it preferable for Greenfield sites on the edge of villages to be released, or to develop brownfield sites (both within the Green Belt)? Yes  No

**Comments**

Green belt definitely not, brownfield yes - Providing wildlife & ecological issues are dealt with correctly - brownfield sites also provide living areas for wildlife. However. Depleted/empty housing to be used first.

? Q7: To enable future employment need to be met do you agree that the most sustainable approach is to allocate new sites close to the strategic highway network? Yes  No

**Comments**

Developed sensibly & with easy access to avoid traffic problems/bottle necks. Yet again environmental impact of paramount importance.

? Q8: In order to ensure that the Town Centre remains economically sustainable, do you agree that a "Town Centre First" approach should be taken to retail development? Yes  No

**Comments**

We need to encourage smaller businesses into the town - perhaps by reducing rental costs. The big 'out of town' developments create traffic problems and remove business/trading opportunities from the High Street. Yet again - environmental issues.

? Q9: Are there opportunities for more open space provision in the area where you live? Yes  No

**Comments**

We are (thank goodness) within an open space environment - which is the reason we moved here. and would not need more 'open space' provision - we just need this protected from development! It is ludicrous to consider developing smaller villages - road, infrastructure, services, social problems being the reason plus destruction of the environment & wildlife.

? Q10: Please rate the level to which you value the landscape near where you live (on a scale of 1 to 5), as compared to other areas within Brentwood Borough, for the following aspects:

Aspect:	Very Low	Low	Average	High	Very High
Scenic Beauty / Attractiveness	1	2	3	4	5
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use	1	2	3	4	5
Wildlife Interest	1	2	3	4	5
Historic Interest	1	2	3	4	5
Tranquility	1	2	3	4	5
Other - please specify: open/uncrowded space	1	2	3	4	5

? Q11: To what extent do you think the following are present in the landscape near where you live (on a scale of 1 to 4):

Aspect:	Absent	Occasional	Frequent	Predominant
Houses	1	2	3	4
Commercial / Industrial buildings	1	2	3	4
Nature Reserves / Wildlife	1	2	3	4*
Farmland	1	2	3	4
Woodland	1	2	3	4
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1	2	3	4
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)	1	2	3	4
Leisure / Recreation Facilities	1	2	3	4
Other - please specify: * wildlife predominant!	1	2	3	4

? Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider? Yes  No

**Comments**

Social impact (especially on smaller villages), the amount of waste/litter produced by more households & businesses. Consideration to those who choose not to live in a confined area or on a housing estate and use of already empty premises/housing. Maintenance of roads/highways

? Q13: What do you think the priorities for infrastructure spending should be?

**Comments**

Roads & transport. If people can't easily access routes to work - you are in danger of creating dormitories of housing where work cannot be accessed - creating social problems. Houses need to be where there is employment available - or how else are people to pay for them?

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire**

Please ensure that you return comments to the Council by 5pm on Tuesday 17 February 2015 (see page 1 for details)

