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Brentwood Borough Local Plan

# Strategic Growth Options Consultation

January 2015

## 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**

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

**Comments**

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

**Comments** With the infrastructure constraints north of Brentwood, eg utilities, access to Doctors, schools shops and very restricted public transport links, a new development, eg Dunton, with good road and rail access would appear to be preferable. Necessary services, doctors, schools etc, could then be incorporated. Local employment would also reduce the car use requirements.

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** The Dunton option would appear to be preferable taking into

**account the comments in the Sustainability Appraisal**

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

**Comments Ribbon development into areas with infrastructure, and utility, shortages will create additional problems. There will be air quality issues associated with the close proximity to a major traffic artery**

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 Protection of Green Belt and is included in the SA. There are a number of pseudo "brown field" sites created by illegal, and unregulated, activities. Inclusion of these will create a dangerous precedent and probably lead to an increase in these activities.**

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. This is beneficial both for ease of travel to, and from, work, but also for goods traffic accessing sites of employment and avoid the need for large numbers of (heavy) goods vehicles using the minor road network and increasing the rate of damage, and therefore the maintenance bill.**

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 The Town Centre First approach will also require the provision of frequent, and affordable, Public Transport links. Similarly with car parking provision. Free Park and Ride?**

Q9: Are there opportunities for more open space provision in the area where you live? Yes

No

**Comments Several large plots, not currently in agricultural use, could be joined to give a linear forrest and scope for walking and rural activities.**

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 / Attractivness	1	2	3	4X	5
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use	1	2	3	4X	5
Wildlife Interest	1	2	3	4	5X
Historic Interest	1	2	3X	4	5
Tranquility	1	2	3	4X	5
Other – please specify: Community ..... .....	1	2	3	X4	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	4X
Commercial / Industrial buildings	1X	2	3	4
Nature Reserves / Wildlife	1X	2	3	4
Farmland	1	2	3X	4
Woodland	1	2	3X	4
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1	2X	3	4
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)	1	2X	3	4
Leisure / Recreation Facilities	1	2X	3	4
Other – please specify: ..... .....	1	2	3	4

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

**Comments**

In the majority of the villages north of Brentwood the provision of Public transport is poor, especially for accessing shopping, recreation, entertainment and widerv transport links centered in Brentwood. In some areas the main public transport link is to Chelmsford, not Brentwood. Also in this area noise polution from overflying aircraft, both private and commercial to Stanstead, Heathrow and Southend.

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

**Comments**

Improving public transport, maintenance, and improvement, of the local road network, improvement of local drainage to prevent localised flooding, provision of genuine high speed broadband to improve domestic, and homeworking, possibilities.

**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  
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