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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**

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**.

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

I do not think that the A127 Corridor should be considered as a broad location for growth. West Horndon is cut off from the rest of the borough by the A127 and is poorly related to it. Anything beyond the redevelopment of existing brownfield land would have a significant harmful impact on the openness of the Green Belt.



Q2: Do you agree with the issues raised within each of these areas?

Yes No

Comments

No comment.



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

Comments

I own the former Catrina Nursery site at Ongar Road, Pilgrims Hatch (site no. 189) and I support its allocation for housing development for the following reasons:-

The site is in a good sustainable location with access to a number of local shops, services and facilities on foot and by bike, and to services and facilities further afield via a regular weekday and Saturday bus service, which can be accessed from the bus stops immediately adjacent to the site.

It is only 2 miles from Brentwood Town Centre.

It includes existing lawful industrial and storage units, two existing residential dwellings and a number of related outbuildings, all of which fall within the NPPF definition of brownfield land.

The whole site was previously a commercial horticultural nursery which ceased production in 1986.

Development offers an opportunity to improve cycle access along the Ongar Road

and Hulletts Lane, in accordance with the aims of the Council's cycling strategy.

There are also opportunities for new native species landscaping to soften the impact of development and to improve biodiversity.

A plan of the potential development site is appended to this questionnaire.



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

In accordance with my previous comment, I do not think that development in the A127 Corridor should extend beyond the redevelopment of existing brownfield sites.



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

Comments

No comment.



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)?

Comments

It is essential that both brownfield and greenfield sites are released in order to provide housing close to where it is needed.



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

No comment.



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

No comment.



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

Yes No

Comments

There is an opportunity for the provision of open space as part of the development of my land for housing.



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

No comments.

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

Comments

Cycling and footpaths.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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