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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

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 there 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 land with an area of 0.5ha which is adjacent to the southern edge of the village development limits at Herongate (referred to as Land opposite Button Common, Brentwood Road, Herongate in the Strategic Growth Options Document – Site 036).

The site is a good sustainable location, within a short walking distance of a village shop, post office and local school. There is a frequent bus service and the nearest bus stop is around 200m from the site.

There are existing run-down buildings on the site.

Unlike much of the land in this area the site is not in the Thorndon Park or Herongate Conservation Areas. A Heritage Impact Appraisal carried out for the site shows that development could take place without harming the character and appearance of the Conservation Areas or the setting of nearby listed buildings.

The existing trees to the west of the site and the hedgerows along the site boundaries would help limit the visual impact of development.

Tree and ecology surveys have already been carried out and the site could be developed without causing any material harm to landscape and biodiversity and would offer the potential for significant improvement.

My preference is for a development of flats, which would help meet the need for smaller unit accommodation for local single people and couples unable to afford the large family houses in the area.

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 Yes  No

most sustainable approach is to allocate new sites close to the strategic highway network?

**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**

I own the area of woodland to the west of my proposed housing site and would propose to implement a woodland management plan if the site was developed. There is the opportunity to allow managed public access to the site.



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	✓	4	5
Historic Interest	1	2	✓	4	5
Tranquility	1	✓	3	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	3	✓
Commercial / Industrial buildings	1	✓	3	4
Nature Reserves / Wildlife	1	✓	3	4
Farmland	✓	2	3	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**

Please ensure that you return comments to the Council by 5pm on Tuesday 17 February 2015  
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