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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

Firstly the pressure imposed on Brentwood Council by Southend and Thurrock Councils should be ignored, both of these councils have committed themselves over many years to saturate their areas with housing, they are to all intents and purposes fully urban. Brentwood however is totally different as it consists of smaller towns and villages separated by mainly farmland and 'green belt'. The character of these towns and villages should be preserved.
'Green belt' should be protected as a priority and farmland protected for future generation as once this is lost it can never be recovered.



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

Yes ☐ No ☒

Comments

Increasing the number of houses in the Borough by the amount proposed will increase pressure on already very busy roads. Widening or increasing the number of roads has the potential to impact even more on 'Green Belt', areas for recreation and farmland. Will there be a loss of housing because of this? There are areas along both the A12 and A127 which have the potential to become 'bottle necks'.



Q3: Do you have any comments on the appropriateness of particular sites?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Comments

The development of all sites should formostly protect 'green belt' land and secondly should preserve as much farmland as possible, building only on the the footprint of 'brown field' sites.



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

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Q5: Should the A12 corridor accommodate growth by releasing sites on the edge of urban areas?

Yes
x☐

No ☐

Comments

Brownfield Land should be utilised and commercial sites would be best located near to main transport links causing least disruption to urban areas.



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

Any development on the edge of villages should be minimal in order to preserve their historic value and maintain their individual characteristics.



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
x☐

No ☐

Comments

As comments in Q5

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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

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No ☐

Comments

Yes I feel it is important to follow a “Town Centre First” approach firstly to maintain a viable and focussed area for shopping. Secondly out of town shopping centres add to increased volumes of traffic on the road.

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

Yes

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No ☐

Comments

I am fortunate to have good open space provision in my area. The open spaces allow many people from outside of the borough to enjoy the freedom to walk and enjoy the countryside an important consideration with the high density of housing and lack of open spaces in some areas. Visitors add to the economy of the Borough. I also think that villages should remain just that and should be physically seperated by common land.

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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	4	5x
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use	1	2	3	4	5x
Wildlife Interest	1	2	3	4	5x

Historic Interest	1	2	3	4	5x
Tranquility	1	2	3	4	5x
Other – please specify: Easy access – less traffic congestion	1	2	3	4	5x

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

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Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider?

Yes
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No ☐

Comments

The need to expand facilities at the Brentwood Community Hospital. Building on the scale predicted will add considerable traffic to the already very busy A128. Building in most of the areas in the plan will either require traffic to use many of the lanes in the area or new roads will need to be build destroying more 'green belt', wild life and valuable countryside.

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

Comments

Medical care, Schools and road networks that do not destroy villages, wildlife, countryside ('green belt') and freedom from traffic noise.

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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