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# Strategic Growth Options Consultation

**January 2015**

## Consultation questionnaire

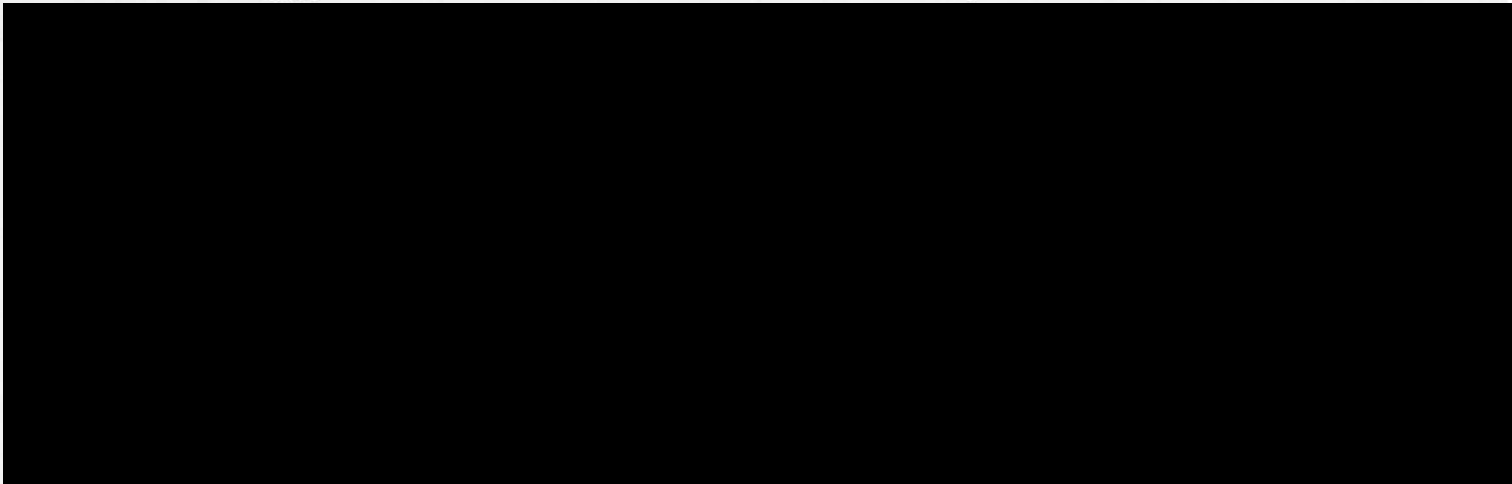
This consultation questionnaire relates to the Brentwood Local Plan Strategic Growth Options Consultation and is provided for you to make comments. Please take the opportunity to read the consultation document before filling in this form and returning to:

**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.

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Q1: Do you agree with the broad areas, for the purpose of considering approaches to growth?

Yes  No

Comments

I COMPLETELY DISAGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL TO EXPAND BLACKMORE.

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

Yes  No

Comments THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD BE COMPLETELY INADEQUATE. BLACKMORE IS ACCESSED BY NARROW COUNTRY LINES, NOT MAIN ROADS. ADDITIONAL HOMES MEANS ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC, INCREASED HGV JOURNEYS TO DELIVER GOODS, ETC. ALSO, THE WHOLE WATER SUPPLY, SEWAGE, POWER, TELECOMMS NETWORK WOULD BE PUT UNDER STRAIN.

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

Comments BLACKMORE IS A SMALL, BEAUTIFUL, CHARACTERFUL VILLAGE, WHICH IS WHY I CHOSE TO LIVE HERE 29 YEARS AGO. TO EXPAND & ENLARGE IT WOULD PROGRESSIVELY DEGRADE IT. A 'STARTUP' AREA, LIKE DUNTON GARDEN SUBURBS, GIVES PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO BUY IN TO A NEWLY-PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, CREATING ITS OWN NEW CHARACTER & ATMOSPHERE. THE TWO SCENARIOS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

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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 RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING TO GRAFT ALL THE PROPOSED GROWTH ONTO A SMALL VILLAGE LIKE BLACKMORE, DUNTON OFFERS (1) A BETTER SITE FOR NOW, AND (2) BETTER POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE GROWTH, BY INCORPORATING ALL THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE IN AT THE PLANNING STAGE.

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

Yes  No

Comments

YES, WHERE APPROPRIATE, AND GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO ALL RELEVANT FACTORS. IT IS BETTER TO GROW EXISTING COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ALREADY OF A REASONABLE SIZE, AS THAT SHOULDN'T ADVERSELY AFFECT THEIR OVERALL CHARACTER.

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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 MUCH MORE PREFERABLE TO DEVELOP BROWN FIELD SITES, THAN TO CONTINUALLY LOOK TO EXPAND INTO GREEN AREAS AROUND EXISTING VILLAGES.

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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

GENERALLY I AGREE WITH THIS - WHICH IS A SIGNIFICANT REASON FOR FAVOURING THE DUNTON LOCATION OVER BLACKMORE. DUNTON IS MUCH CLOSER TO GOOD ROAD & RAIL LINKS.

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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  No

Comments

A 'TOWN CENTRE FIRST' APPROACH IS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE ITS FUTURE SURVIVAL & FLOURISHING.



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

Yes  No

Comments



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: .....	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: .....	1	2	3	4



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

**Comments**

THERE ARE ON-GOING, UNRESOLVED ISSUES WITH LOCALISED FLOODING. NEARLY ALL THE SURROUNDING APPROACHES (WHICH ARE MAINLY COUNTRY LANES) BUFFER FROM SURFACE WATER PROBLEMS - THIS CAN NECESSITATE A DETOUR IF TOO DEEP.



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

**Comments**

MY MAIN LOCAL SPENDING PRIORITIES WOULD BE:

- BETTER DRAINAGE & BITCH CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES TO ALLEVIATE LOCAL FLOODING.
- IMPROVED & REGULAR HEDGE & VERGE CUTTING ON LOCAL ROADS/COUNTRY LANE JUNCTIONS, TO RESTORE VISIBILITY & SAFETY.

**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)**