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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



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 X** No ☐

Comments

My comments are regarding Plot 143, which is parcel of land East of Peartree Lane, and North of Peartree Close in the parish of Doddinghurst.

If the proposed build of some 50 dwellings is to go ahead this would create problems for those already living in the surrounding area's, as access to this land would put a strain on the roads mentioned (Lime Grove & Peartree Lane) which are just wide enough for two vehicles to pass one another safely as it is, and if a lorry uses the road they have to mount the pavement at times because of the residents parking in the road, not only is this a danger to pedestrians using the pavements this also causes damage to the kerbing and grass verges as well, which is repaired once in a blue moon.

These two roads will not be able to meet the demands of a possible 100 extra vehicles using them daily as they were designed and built in the late 1950s / 60s when Doddinghurst was a quite thriving village and households had one car per family, not two or three, or sometimes four or five.

The village is a thriving community as stated, and has always been, The infrastructure has never changed or been strengthened, although the school has had an additional porter cabin installed to accommodate the additional housing built. Those being on the corner of Outings Lane and Church Lane, also those built along the Ongar Road between Tipps Cross & Stondon Massey.

The school is at its full capacity and to add another 50-60 children to its register, I feel would increase the class sizes and jeopardise the children's learning potential.

Although there may be a need for Social Housing, Plot 143 and Doddinghurst I feel would not be a viable location..



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

Dunton, This is because of the easy access to the transport systems which include the A127, M25, and the overhead railway at Laindon. To build there would be an asset to a thriving community there, as the infrastructure should already be in place, giving the size of the area.



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

Yes ☒ No ☐

Comments

Certain areas of the A12 corridor should be released, as long as it is not over developed.

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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

The building plot (143 or any of the other sites) would not be for local needs or local residents and would begin to erode the balance of a beautiful village. This site is for the overspill from somewhere else. If you need to build for local needs, then build on brownfield sites maintaining the foot print that was there, not build to the maximum of the site for Social Housing. The village is big enough as it is, and to keep adding to it will eventually destroy it

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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

Yes, the site on the A127 / M25 junction, given access from these two major links would benefit small business's.

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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



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

Yes ☐ No ☒

Comments

No, heavy traffic needs to be reduced so the residents, and public alike can enjoy the village and surrounding countryside in safety, whether on foot, cycling, or horse back.



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



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

Comments

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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