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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

There is too much of a concentration in one small part of Brentwood for this level of building, which is planned for up to 6,000 dwellings. It will turn a rural area into one huge housing estate.



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

Yes No

Comments

This development will not create any additional job opportunities. Instead it will blight an area of natural beauty and put more stress on already overloaded local health related and educational services.



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

Comments

These houses will be built in an area that is already experiencing traffic jams over Running Waters during rush hours. It will also blight an area of natural beauty.



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

There are plenty of brown field sites in Basildon available for development so why

select an area of natural beauty and farmland for a housing development?

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

Yes No

Comments

There are better road links from and to the A12 in this area. Also, the A12 gives easy access to parts of inner London for commuting and commercial traffic.

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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

Brownfield sites are ideal for development as they do not use up greenfield sites and have existing services connected e.g. water & sewage.

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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

Although it depends whether those sites are greenfield sites used by wildlife, which should not be used.

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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

It allows retailers to maintain a good footfall.

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

Yes No

Comments

Our part of Hutton is already congested and the road networks and local services are struggling to maintain an adequate level of service.

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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 / 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
Local parks.....					

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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	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

Already congested roads will get worse and other services such as schools and healthcare will find it impossible to cater for an additional 6,000 homes.

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

Comments

Improving existing facilities such as road repairs.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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