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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

I do not agree with all the areas, I believe any large building development should be located in or near already established towns which have the infrastructure already in place to support them or built from scratch as in the Dunton Garden Suburb development where the infrastructure can be tailored to meet the needs of the growing population.

I do not believe rural areas and villages in the north of the borough should have any large development as the infrastructure is not in place there although limited building on brownfield sites would be acceptable.



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

Yes No

Comments

I do agree that transport and local facilities are not as good in the north of the borough and local roads are already very busy and could not cope with increased volume of traffic, it does not take much for local roads to become gridlocked. There are also very limited retail centres, health centres, schools and public transport in this area.



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

Comments

As I have said above, villages such as Blackmore cannot support large development without the whole area being changed. At the moment it is a quiet, rural village with large open spaces and I do not understand why it needs to be developed on a large scale and so change the whole character of a beautiful Essex village. There is only one shop in Blackmore, along with a hairdressers and tea rooms and we are going to lose the Post Office in the near future. The people living here have chosen to live in a small, quiet village, not a busy, built up town which is what I fear

the villages will eventually become if large scale development is allowed.

? 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

As already said, I believe areas of growth should be near already established town that have the infrastructure in place to support them. I can also see the benefit of building the Dunton Garden Suburb as adequate facilities such as schools, health centres and leisure facilities would be custom built. It would also have easy access to the A127.

? Q5: Should the A12 corridor accommodate growth by releasing sites on the edge of urban areas? Yes No

Comments

Yes this does make sense as the infrastructure is already in place plus the existing retail centres would benefit which in turn would offer more job opportunities.

? 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

All greenfield sites should be preserved as losing them will greatly change the character of beautiful, rural, villages. However, I do support the development of brownfield sites as they would be smaller and have less of an impact on the local environment.

? 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

I do not agree totally with this as our main roads already struggle with the volume of traffic on them and public transport in rural areas is infrequent and unreliable. Although if there is a possibility that money would be spent on improvements to the A127 then it does make sense for the majority of new sites to be built in this area.

? 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

Our town centres need as much help as possible to survive so I do agree with this. More people will be attracted to spend money if there is a wide variety of shops and there would be more job opportunities.

? 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

If there was to be large development in the north of the borough the impact on local people should be considered whilst the building work is in progress. Villages such as Blackmore are surrounded by narrow lanes that would struggle having to accommodate large builders lorries. Also the area is prone to flooding, would building works make this worse?

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

Comments

On improving the main roads around already established towns.

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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