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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](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.



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

Yes ✓

**Comments**



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

Yes ✓

**Comments**



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

**Comments**

Having lived in the Borough for over 40 years, it seems to me that there is only one clear option for both employment and residential development and that is the A127 corridor.

Infrastructure, generally for vehicles and cyclists is very poor especially in the more densely populated A12 corridor and any development there would only lead to more congestion.



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**

Both West Hordon and Dunton Garden suburb provide ideal opportunities to create a suitable living and working environment instead of relying on expanding urban creep on the edge of existing residential areas in the A12 corridor and north of the Borough.

Both the above sites would need to be supported with an improved road programme.



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

No ✓

#### Comments

The A12 corridor is already congested. In addition, much traffic leaves the A12 and ends up on the A129 to the extent that householders living in the area find it increasingly difficult to cross the busy roads, access local schools, get to work or visit the doctor.



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

NO



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 ✓

#### Comments

The A127 is the only viable option.

? 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

**Comments**

? 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					5
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use					5
Wildlife Interest					5
Historic Interest				4	
Tranquility					5
Other – please specify: Quality of life .....					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
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Houses			3	
Commercial / Industrial buildings			3	
Nature Reserves / Wildlife			3	
Farmland			3	
Woodland		2		
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1			
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)		2		
Leisure / Recreation Facilities			3	
Other – please specify: .....				

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

**Comments**

There needs to be a cycling strategy for the Borough. Currently provision for cyclists especially children wishing to cycle to school is non-existent and one of the poorest in the UK.

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

**Comments**

One of the main priorities is to get people out of their cars which would provide improvements to both mobility and health. Therefore, better public transport and provision for cyclists – especially children who are scared to ride on the roads which is contributing to obesity problems.

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire**

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(see page 1 for details)