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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 ☐ ☐

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

I do not believe that site 034 (Officers Meadow) should be used because it is green belt land but additionally because it is not a viable option for new housing. Chelmsford Road, which would have to service the new houses, is already an extremely busy and congested road. Additional traffic on this road would cause problems all the way from Mountnessing through Shenfield down to Brentwood Town centre.

When a previous developer (Ockley Homes Ltd) tried to push for this greenbelt land to be developed in 2004 the Inspector's report was as follows:

This open land lies within the narrow neck of Green Belt separating the settlement at Mountnessing, identified in Inset Map 4, to the east from the main built up area of Brentwood/Shenfield. This gap is further fragmented by the presence of the A12 and its roundabout junction with the B1002 and existing and proposed roadside development in its vicinity. The presence of the Chelmsford Road – Fen close ribbon and of railway lines all contribute to the fragility of this stretch of Green Belt and these considerations underline the need to keep the largest tract of uninterrupted open land between Mountnessing and the main built-up area in the borough free from development, even if there is a shortage of affordable housing.

Consequently the Inspector recommended that there should be no modification to the Brentwood Local Plan.



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

If there is an opportunity for creating improvements to the access to the A127 which

would not affect the A128 or surrounding residential areas then I believe the Dunton Garden suburb would create least disruption for current residents of this particular area.



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

No ☐

Comments

I do not believe that Greenbelt sites on the edge of urban areas should be released as it is important to restrict urban sprawl for the sake of the environment and for future generations.



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

Develop brownfield sites if necessary.



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

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?

Comments

Yes



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

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			3		
Tranquility					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			3	

Commercial / Industrial buildings	1			
Nature Reserves / Wildlife			3	
Farmland			3	
Woodland		2		
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land		2		
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)			3	
Leisure / Recreation Facilities			3	
Other – please specify:	1	2	3	4



Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider?

Yes ☐ ☐

Comments



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

Comments

I think it is most important to consider the transport and green infrastructure that is currently in place and ensure that any new developments cause minimum disruption to the quality of life for current residents of the borough.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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