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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.

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

Yes

Comments

I think that the utilisation of small packets of land in the green belt does not form the answer to the housing shortage. Larger strategic areas should be prioritised were essential services can be included.

Rural areas do not have the infrastructure or transport logistics to provide housing for affordable housing schemes

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

Yes

Comments

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

Comments

As per my answer in 1, the Dunton proposal should be prioritised

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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



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

No

Comments

The area between the 127 and A13 is far more appropriate



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

Greenfield sites should be protected from development as there are enough areas available in the urban areas. I do agree that for a brownfield site there may be justification



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

By ensuring a highway network is readily accessible you can cater for all housing needs



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? No

Comments
 Blackmore village is well catered for open space. However no further housing development is appropriate due to the village community and transport links to the Town

? 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 / Attractivness					5
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use				4	
Wildlife Interest					5
Historic Interest				4	
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		2		
Nature Reserves / Wildlife		2		
Farmland				4
Woodland				4
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1			
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)		2		

Leisure / Recreation Facilities		2		
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
 There is a clear need for housing in the Brentwood area. However this must be provided with the Highway and Transport logistics already in place. There is no value to using rural green belt land to provide this as transport links do not serve the communities allowing people to commute or simply get to the main shopping facilities

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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