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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 ☐ No ☒

**I don't believe that the Dunton Garden Suburb proposal is good for the Borough because it concentrates all the development in one area and would leave the majority of the Borough to atrophy.**

**The scale of the Dunton Garden Suburb is unrealistic, especially given the infrastructure and pylon constraints and given that it is in a flood plain.**

**Also this is a long-term project and housing needs exist now.**



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

Yes ☒ No ☐

**Yes, I agree that the Borough needs to release some Green Belt land to meet housing needs. Local housing growth is needed in the villages to the north of the Borough to maintain their future.**



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

**Yes, as a landowner of site 076 in Blackmore I support the development of this site. It would mean Blackmore would be able to attract new residents and maintain it's local amenities.**

**This site is an extension of land that was used to develop the Orchard Piece housing estate. It was thought that the estate would continue to Red Rose Lane opposite Red Rose Farm and access was left for this purpose in the original designs in 1966. It would form a physical boundary for the village.**

**We have given an option agreement to Crest Nicholson because we believe that they are a highly reputable national housebuilder who will be able to deliver high quality housing in keeping with the landscape.**

**I don't think that site 077 in Blackmore is an appropriate site as it is significantly larger and not contained by natural barriers and would also spoil the area around the village hall and park.**

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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?

**I don't think any are good in the area on the periphery of the Borough.**

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

Yes ☒ No ☐

**Yes, I think some development in this area makes sense.**

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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)?

**I think both greenfield and brownfield sites should be released within the Green Belt to meet the housing needs. Incremental development of greenfield sites around villages will ensure villages, such as Blackmore, are assured of a future. Low density housing, built to high specifications (as proposed by Crest Nicholson on site 076) would be very beneficial to Blackmore as a whole. It would make the housing stock available be more environmentally sustainable and give a boost to local services.**

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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 ☐

**Generally agree.**



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 ☐

**Agree but we must not forget the importance of amenities in villages, like Blackmore if their future is to be ensured.**



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

NA

**In Blackmore open space is not an issue but insufficient housing is.**



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

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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

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Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider? Yes ☐ No ☒

**Yes, I think more emphasis should be made on maintaining services and improving housing stock in villages, such as Blackmore.**

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

**Education – in particular primary school provision across the Borough to ensure that all current settlements can continue to thrive. For example Blackmore primary school is able to accommodate more pupils. If housing is not increased, roll numbers could fall further and the viability of this primary school be threatened in the future.**

**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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