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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

The North of the Borough would be unsuitable due to the poor transport links, both road and public transport with no rail links within this area. It would appear that if additional housing were to be built in this area the road network would need to be improved and the bus services would need to be improved in frequency, start earlier and finish later, and service more routes; all of which would need additional public money to be invested. The A12 and A127 corridors already have the road, rail and bus infrastructure in place but the A12 corridor is already congested and so the A127 corridor is the ideal place for growth to be located.



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

The A127 corridor is the ideal place for growth to be located.



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

No

Comments



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

It is preferable to develop brownfield sites as opposed to greenfield sites but it would also be preferable for the brownfield sites that are to be developed to be those located outside the Green Belt.



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

Yes

sustainable, do you agree that a “Town Centre First” approach should be taken to retail development?

Comments

? 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				4	
Wildlife Interest					5
Historic Interest				4	
Tranquility					5
Other – please specify:					
To sustain the current small traditional village atmosphere					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			3	

Farmland			3	
Woodland		2		
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1			
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)		2		
Leisure / Recreation Facilities	1			
Other – please specify:				

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

Comments
The need to maximise the use of existing transport links where they are under utilised.

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

Comments
Reducing the bottlenecks on the road network especially where the limitations on local roads impact on trunk roads such as the A12, A127 and M25, such bottlenecks can be seen on Brook St affecting the A12 and M25, A127 and B186 Warley St junction causing delays on the A127 East bound and M25.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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