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Dear Sirs,

Please find attached the completed Consultation Questionnaire form submitted on behalf of our clients, Thordon Park Golf Course.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or clarification on the above.

Regards

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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.

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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 No

Comments

The Borough logically splits itself into three identified areas, which are also of different character. It is sensible to look at the main infrastructure corridors as individual areas. In particular to identify the central A12 Corridor as this includes the main settlements of Brentwood and Shenfield and which is favourable in sustainability terms.



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

Yes No
and

Comments - Yes and No

There is the implied suggestion in **Paragraph 2.17** that development opportunities will only be considered alongside opportunities surrounding the urban area within the Green Belt. As the main centres are the most sensible and sustainable to focus development the LPA should look at all sites including greenfield within the urban area, as well as the urban edges.



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

Comments

There are a number of urban edge sites in sustainable locations which will be logical rounding off or infill within the Green Belt, which will make good housing sites contributing to the relevant small local communities as well as indirectly established community facilities. In this respect this submission and link to the Thorndon Park Golf Club, which has a potential small housing site not previously submitted in the earlier SHLAA consultation.



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 focus of this submission is centred on the A12 Corridor and key housing sites. This firm makes representations on other employment issues in separate representations.



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

Yes No

Comments

See comments under Q3 above. Having looked within the urban areas at all potential sites it is sensible and in accordance with the NPPF to consider releasing sites on the edge of urban areas within this corridor. It is evidenced from the housing needs data that the LPA will need to consider the long term need of the Borough and release sustainable edge of urban area sites, as well as any longer term strategic releases.



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

These comments have been directed to the main urban area.



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

Comments

Employment comments have been made in separate representations but we would consider that the most sustainable approach is to allocate new sites close to the strategic highway network and provide a wide choice of sites.



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

Comments

No further comment.



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

Yes No

Comments

There are opportunities to take a more pragmatic approach to open space to ensure deliverability of some space for public use where none currently exists.



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



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



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

Comments

Community Facilities

These representations have been submitted with respect to land ownership of Thorndon Park Golf Club (TPGC). TPGC has served the community for many years and is acknowledged as one of the finest golf clubs in the South East of England. Created by the legendary Harry Colt in 1920. TPGC is the only golf club in Essex in the top 100 in England, which is a major accolade for the Club and Borough and is a good marketing point for the Club. With a thriving membership of 698 (including 50 players who are under 18 years of age). TPGC attracts visitors from overseas and throughout the UK with 3,835 visitors enjoying this remarkable parkland course in 2014.

The Members see the course as a community asset of which they are the custodians of. They are very conscious not to create a development that would detract and are adamant that any monies raised would be ploughed back into the course for the benefit of future generations. Additionally, in the short term, such funds would ensure that TPGC remains Essex's premier course.

The Club has extensive land ownership which we show identified on the O.S. base provided, which includes important woodland areas that contributes to the overall environmental character of this part of Brentwood.

It is highlighted that any policies in the Plan to be brought forward should seek to encourage associated developments of such clubs alongside other similar recreation facilities i.e. Hartswood Golf Club Pay as you Play, offering a different leisure opportunity

As self-promotion of the Borough in terms of tourism, ecology and the ability please refer to the historic importance of Thorndon Park Golf Club and it's now recognised position as one of the top golf clubs in the country is an important consideration that should be reflected in the emerging plan.

Alongside this representation we have identified a small housing site that could contribute up to 4 dwellings. It is a logical rounding off of the Green Belt and an extension of a small existing cul-de-sac where the infrastructure is all in place. It is highlighted that the additional benefit to community services as all the sale proceeds will be utilised in maintaining the golf course's high quality thus securing greater improvements to bring it to a higher recognised golfing standard as well as securing the maintenance of the Club's woodlands and quality golf course.



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

Comments

No Comment.

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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