



Planning Policy Team
Brentwood Borough Council
Town Hall
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BRENTWOOD, CM15 8AY

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Dear Sirs

Re: **Brentwood Local Draft Plan – Objection**
Site Ref: 129 – Friars Avenue Car Park
Site Ref: 130 – Hunters Avenue Car Park

Please accept this letter as my strong opposition to the above proposed developments as outlined in the Strategic Growth Options Consultation.

The above Car Parks are both short stay and are therefore used by people wishing to access the Doctor's, Dentist's, Opticians and Post Office as well as general shopping. They are both nearly always full and "On street parking" is limited.

Whilst Shenfield is on a bus route the service is far from reliable and many residents have missed appointments (which incidentally they have waited some weeks for).

I strongly believe that if these Car Parks were to be built on, it would ring a death knell for Shenfield as without parking people would avoid the area.

The Council makes great play on improving transport, pedestrian and cycle links. When I moved to Hutton it was served by two buses – one starting from Basildon, the second starting from Southend and they arrived at 15 minute intervals. Since then the service has deteriorated so much so that you need a calendar not a watch to guess when the next bus will arrive.

It should also be borne in mind that not all residents are capable of walking or cycling over a mile from Hutton to Shenfield, and many are elderly or partially disabled. These residents would be denied access to Shenfield and its facilities as listed above, i.e. Doctor's, Dentists or Opticians as none of these facilities is available in Hutton (apart from a private dentist whose site is proposed for housing). The alternative would be to travel to Billericay which is, I understand, looking at increasing its car parking facilities to attract more shoppers.

