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Brentwood Borough Council  
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BRENTWOOD, CM15 8AY

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Dear Sirs

Re: **Brentwood Local Draft Plan – Objection**  
**Site Ref: 177 – Wash Road (South of Lower Road)**

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

The “Preferred Options” states that “all development sites will be identified having regard to whether they are accessible to public transport, services and facilities and that “will have no significant impact on the Green Belt, visual amenity, heritage, transport, services and facilities”

This proposed development fails on all of the above criteria, and my objection is based on the following:

1. Site Ref 177 is Agricultural Land and the proposal is for a “Park & Ride Car Park”. This is completely ridiculous as anyone who lives in the area and tries to use Wash Road to access the A12 at peak times would tell you. It is NOT close to Shenfield Station, and anyone who used this proposed facility would only do so a couple of times as the transfer time to Shenfield would take too long due to traffic congestion. It would then become redundant, and as it would have been covered in concrete would no doubt be offered for housing.
2. Wash Road is a narrow lane. To access this site from the A12 the driver would be confronted by an arched tunnel beneath the Railway Line which restricts the flow of traffic when larger vehicles are coming through as it forces them to go into the centre of the road. Bearing in mind there is an Industrial Estate in Wash Road, larger vehicles frequently have to travel through this tunnel. There have been deaths at this point.
3. The proposed site has the River Wid along its boundary, and the area floods when the river overflows. A car park on these fields would lead to oil pollution entering the River Wid, thus lowering the water quality even more

To allow this development would go against the Council’s vision for Brentwood and your Policy Statement SO7 to “Safeguard the Green Belt and protect and enhance valuable landscapes and the natural and historic environment.

