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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 No

Comments – as for Q4



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

Yes No

Comments – as for Q4



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

Comments – as for Q4



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 - As the A127 corridor can be expanded to cope with increased road traffic & increased rail traffic, including an additional rail station, disruption to the whole of Essex will be confined to a smaller area both during construction & once housing is completed & occupied, as long as local amenities to this area (schools, GPs, shops) are adequately provided for the increased population, so sites around West Horndon & Dunton Hills seem the best options. Dispersing development to multiple sites over a wider area would clearly result in more widespread disruption throughout Essex both during construction & once new housing occupied, which would seem a major disadvantage.

? Q5: Should the A12 corridor accommodate growth by releasing sites on the edge of urban areas? Yes No

Comments – as for Q4

? 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 – as for Q4, but brownfield development would preferable to greenfield if dispersed expansion must be done (but given the dismal state of local transport, I can't see why this would be a good idea)

? 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 – as for Q4

? 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 – empty units in Brentwood do not entice shoppers, nor do the ridiculous parking charges, nor does an imbalance of shops vs eating/drinking establishments – all these points need to be addressed to make the town centre a realistic alternative to the likes of Lakeside.

? Q9: Are there opportunities for more open space provision in the area where you live? Yes No

Comments – already lovely & rural, open, peaceful, lots of quiet country lanes for cycling/walking

? 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	<u>5</u>
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Wildlife Interest	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Historic Interest	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5
Tranquility	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
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	<u>2</u>	3	4
Commercial / Industrial buildings	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
Nature Reserves / Wildlife	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
Farmland	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
Woodland	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
Leisure / Recreation Facilities	1	<u>2</u>	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 – Road traffic problems generally seem to be spiralling out of control, any & all incentives to encourage passenger rail & bus use & commercial rail use in preference to road traffic would seem the best solution. Cost of rail & bus use should be far cheaper than car travel. Public transport routes, timings, frequency should be able to replace the majority of car journeys, especially to/from work. Currently this is not the case. I'm comparing living/working in Essex with my home town of Nottingham, where I mainly use the bus, rarely use the car, as buses are cheaper, quicker, frequent & run at times to suit travel to/from work as well as evening social travel. Consequently & unsurprisingly, buses are almost always full – in Essex, they seem to have very few passengers much of the time.



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

Comments – A127 & surrounding roads expansion & improvement, West Horndon station expansion & improvement & nearby additional station, local amenities (schools, GPs, shops) to the West Horndon/Dunton Hills new housing areas

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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