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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:

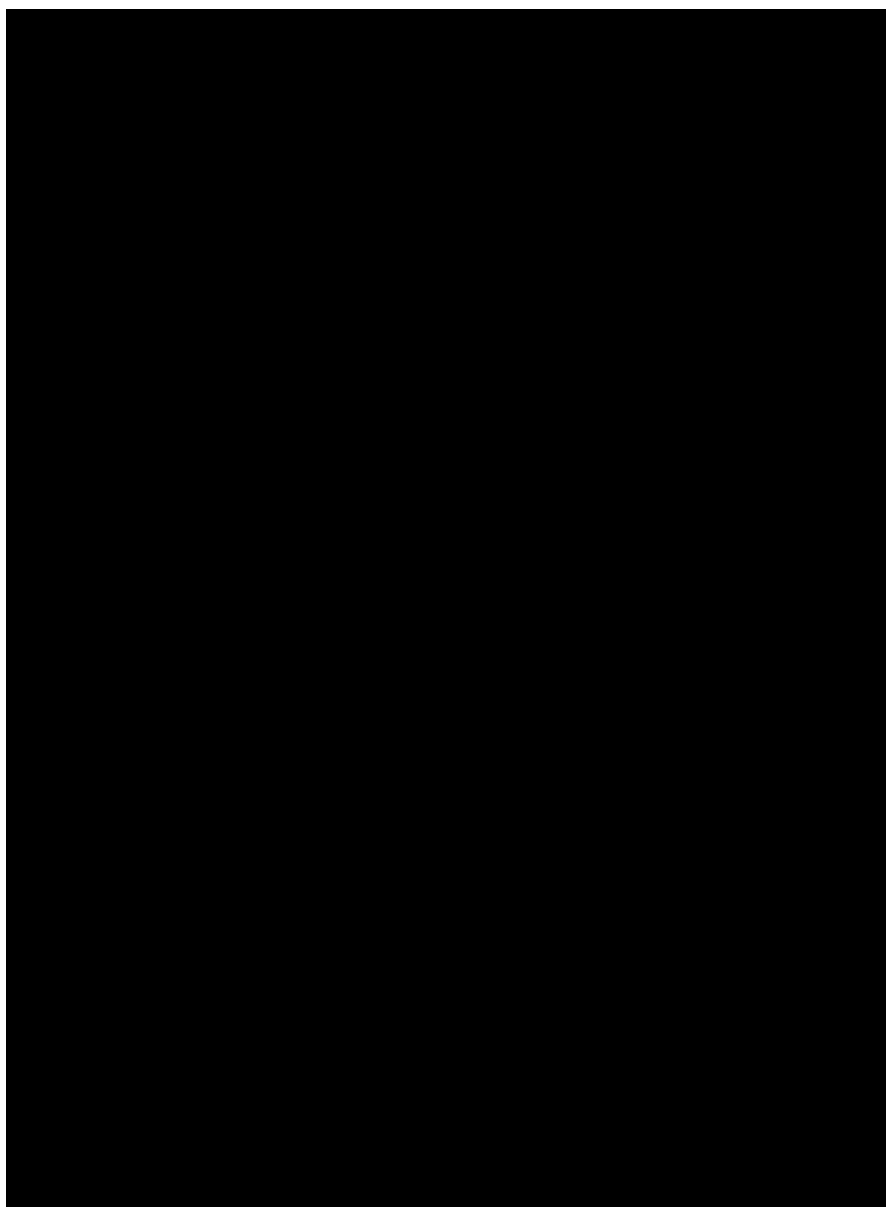
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Comments need to be received by 5pm on Tuesday 17 February 2015

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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](http://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

**I tend to agree that the borough is best divided as shown on the document.**

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

No ●

## Comments

**I agree with Option1 and Option 2 regarding centralised growth and transport corridor led growth but I disagree with 3 and 4 regarding semi-dispersed and dispersed growth, particularly in relation to 'North of the Borough'. Infrastructure is not in place for development in these areas and this should be considered first before any development takes place. Transport links are poor for the villages in North Brentwood. One doctors surgery services almost the whole of this area.**

Q3: Do you have any comments on the appropriateness of particular sites?

Yes ●

## Comments

**The proposal for sites 143 and 224 are impractical and would have an adverse effect on the living standards of those already resident in adjacent roads. Access to the sites, particularly 143 will cause obstruction and disturbance to residents and neither Lime Grove nor Peartree Lane can accommodate increased vehicular traffic either during or post development of the proposed site. Lime Grove is only 4.9 metres wide for the majority of its length and Peartree Lane is only 0.6 of a metre or so wider. Lime Grove is unlit and on street parking is essential for residents. Site 224, it is presumed would have to be accessed via the same access roads as site 143, thereby make the problem even worse.**

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 Dunton Garden Village site appears to be the best not least because the latest utterance from central government seems to favour the Garden Village approach.**

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

Yes ●

**Comments**

**Only on brownfield sites which do not impinge on the peace and tranquility of those residents nearby.**

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**

**No. Greenfield sites should not be released. There should be no development where the peace, tranquility and quality of life of existing residents is affected. If local needs required development on the edges of villages representations would already have been made to that effect. From reading this document, the sites highlighted have been suggested by land owners and developers without proper planning considerations which, I have been told, are scheduled to come at a later date. As has been claimed by the Planning Department, not all these sites will be developed, this approach has resulted in causing many residents much anxiety which could have been avoided if planning inspections had taken place before the document was published.**

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**

**Development is best close to the highway network but paragraph 4.1. mentions new houses create the need for new jobs. This is the wrong way to look at this issue. Employment and housing go hand in hand. Houses before jobs creates the risk of unemployment.**

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 ●

**Comments**

**I feel it is important to ensure that the Town Centre remains the retail hub of the borough.**

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

No •

**Comments**

**Other than if the unsuitable sites suggested for development were earmarked instead for open space provision rather than development**

**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:**

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**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?**

**No •**

#### **Comments**

**I cannot comment on the current situation in the two transport corridors mentioned in this report. However, in the 'North of Brentwood' the Deal Tree Health Centre services almost all of this area and getting routine appointments is hard. Public transport is inadequate especially as it ceases to be available in the evenings. It is difficult to believe that the local schools in this area could cope with an increase in the number of pupils in attendance. The roads could not cope with increased development. Utility supplies can be intermittent. Flooding is not restricted to the areas prone to flooding illustrated on the diagrams.**

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

**Comments**

**Improved public transport. Better roads and road surfaces. Improved drainage.**

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire**

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