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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

Splitting the Borough into 3 main areas seems logical.



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

Yes No

Comments

Road and rail provision along the A127 corridor is already at capacity.
The A12 corridor could be developed in several areas without impacting residents



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

Comments

I'm not in agreement with any development in the Green Belt surrounding West Horndon as such works would adversely affect the character of the village.
Development of the West Horndon Industrial Estate (a brownfield site is acceptable as long as the numbers or homes are far fewer than the 500 originally proposed.
The Dunton Garden suburb is the least worst option as long as a sizeable area of Green Belt is kept in order to create a buffer around West Horndon preserving it's character.



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 A127 corridor is not the best option and does not have a greater capacity for growth. It's a flood plain, the local roads and the C2C line are struggling to cope and the infrastructure doesn't exist to accommodate such large numbers of new residential building.



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

Yes No

Comments

The A12 corridor should definitely see more development alongside its urban areas. So far the building proposals have been disproportionately directed towards West Horndon and south of the Brentwood locality.



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

Brownfield site proposals must always be exhausted first.
The Green Belt needs to be protected to maintain the character of our locality



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

Any new employment opportunities must be created where road and rail links exist



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

It's important that the Town Centres remain viable to retain vital services and prevent town centres from becoming 'graveyards'.



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

Yes No

Comments

West Horndon's park would benefit from enhancements



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

Extra road and rail capacity (Shoeburyness to Fenchurch St) need to be in place BEFORE any development happens. Schools and healthcare facilities also need to be considered.



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

Comments

There are several areas that will be impacted by any development and spending will need to be evenly distributed amongst all of them to prevent a negative outcome for residents. If any certain area is given disproportionate funding the overall effect will be unsatisfactory.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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