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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?

No ✓

Comments

Sites under consideration should have better services and transport access



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

No ✓

Comments



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

Comments

With regards to the proposed site at the end of Peartree Lane/Lime Grove. Owing to the inaccessibility of Lime Grove, all construction traffic and residential traffic for this site would need to access it by Peartree Lane, which was never designed for that volume of traffic. The road surface struggles to cope with the current level of traffic, and the wear and tear caused by construction traffic would render it virtually impassable. Additionally, the road is not suitable for the ongoing traffic resulting from the housing development - 50 new houses, most of which in a rural area would have more than one car would cause the road to become excessively busy. This would make it very dangerous not only for existing residents but also for the new residents of the housing development.

Additionally, the junction of Peartree Lane and Doddinghurst Road is already unsafe due to cars parked to use the Post Office. I have seen accidents there before, particularly with motorcycles which car drivers do not look for when pulling out of the junction and who can easily be obscured by the parked cars. As both a car driver and a motorcyclist, and considering the dependency of most people in Peartree Lane on motorised transport owing to the poor public transport links I am extremely concerned about the increased danger that the traffic from the construction and the new housing development would cause not only for myself, but for anyone using the junction.

? 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

Either the south of the A12 corridor with better A127 access between Brentwood and the A127. This would have added benefits to ease traffic congestion around Ingrave and Warley. Or the A127 . West Horndon site.

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

Comments

The housing crisis is only set to get worse, and therefore new developments and homes are necessary, but sites must be considered more carefully with regard to practicality. The Doddinghurst site, for example, is not actually on the edge of an urban area but actually hemmed in by other houses and therefore completely impractical.

? 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

Whichever has the least impact on residents and has the better access for traffic. The preservation of the environment is far more important than the ill-considered building of impractical homes.

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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

Yes, this is very important. However, the Doddinghurst site has very few transport links. The bus service to the village is so bad as to almost be unusable, and access to any town or station, be it Brentwood, Shenfield, or Chelmsford is via narrow country lanes which are already poorly maintained. In the winter these roads can become practically impassable due to snow and flooding. The A12 and A127 are nearby, granted, but both are very difficult to access from the village and the roads surrounding the village are not really equipped to deal with commuter traffic.

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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

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

Yes ✓

Comments

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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

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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:Children.....	1	2	3	4



Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider?

No ✓

Comments

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

Comments.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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