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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:

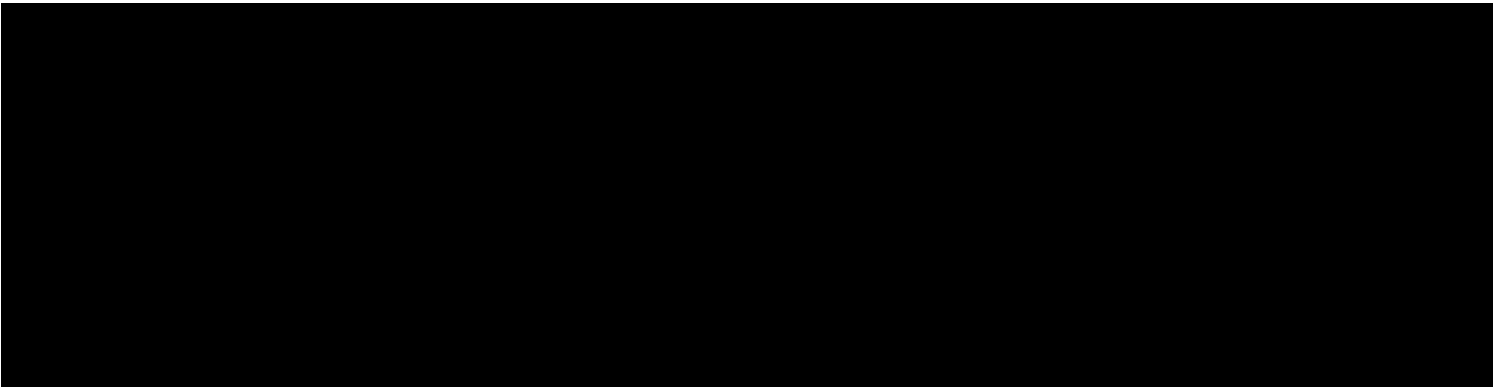
**Planning Policy Team, Brentwood Borough Council Town Hall, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AY**  
or by email to **planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk**

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

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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  No

**Comments**

Disagree with use of green belt and classification of some brownfield (Ingatestone Garden Centre)



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

Yes  No

**Comments**

Agree with new homes being built in the right place



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

Yes  No

**Comments**

**Ingatestone Garden Centre plot 128**

I lived here for 52 years and I consider the land at the back of my garden to be green belt land.

The building of so many new homes in close proximity would be out of character to the environment and in particular the surrounding houses in Burnt House Lane and Heybridge.

The redevelopment of the garden centre will mean removing the existing greenery and possibly removing the trees thus not respecting the habitat and environment. There are some particularly large trees on the plot and the proposed development would impact upon the root stock of the trees.

I, along with other residents have had newts, badgers, foxes and slow worms in our gardens as a direct result of their natural habitat (the green land of the proposed plot). It is a real concern that the wildlife and protected species will be disrupted and or harmed.

The access road into the entrance of the Garden Centre is inadequate to cope with the proposed number of houses and subsequent increase in traffic. I am concerned about the current road (set at the national speed limit in order to join the A12) that would serve as the main access/ egress point causing major road safety implications. There are real safety implications to be considered.

There has been a history of drainage issues and flooding in the area around Burnt House Lane. Several years ago we were issued with flood boards from the council. If trees and natural vegetation are removed there is a risk that this could result in increased flooding of the area. It would seem inappropriate and of major concern if the trees on the boundary to the properties on Burnt House Lane that have a past history of flooding were removed.



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**

Dunton Garden Suburb.



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

**Comments**

I would like to see Ingatestone / Mountnessing left as villiages in their own right and not joined with Brentwood / Shenfield.

? 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 long as the sites are proper brownfield sites and not greenfield being made into brownfield for the purposes of development (ie the land at Ingatestone Garden Centre , backing onto my gararden)..

? 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**

? 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**

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

Yes  No

**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	<b>5</b>
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use	1	2	3	<b>4</b>	5
Wildlife Interest	1	2	3	4	<b>5</b>
Historic Interest	1	2	<b>3</b>	4	5
Tranquility	1	2	3	4	<b>5</b>
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	<b>2</b>	3	4
Commercial / Industrial buildings	1	<b>2</b>	3	4
Nature Reserves / Wildlife	1	2	3	<b>4</b>
Farmland	1	2	3	<b>4</b>
Woodland	1	2	3	<b>4</b>
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1	<b>2</b>	3	4
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)	1	2	<b>3</b>	4
Leisure / Recreation Facilities	1	2	<b>3</b>	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

<b>Comments</b>
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Q13: What do you think the priorities for infrastructure spending should be?

**Comments**

Drainage issues (see issues about previous flooding)  
Doctors surgery  
Schools  
Transport and road safety

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

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(see page 1 for details)