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**BRENTWOOD  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## 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](mailto: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.

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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**

Yes.



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

No

**Comments**

No. The capacity of road and rail infrastructure for the A127 corridor has been over-estimated. The plan does not address how transport capacity would be improved on the A127 corridor.

Flood risk not addressed for sites in areas that are know to be at risk of flooding.



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

**Comments**

Where possible development of Green Belt sites should be avoided. The extensive development of the Green Belt sites surrounding West Horndon village would not only change West Horndon beyond recognition but would also cause irreversible damage to the local environment and compromise the rural character of the wider area.



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**

It is not at all clear that the A127 does have greater capacity for growth. There would be clear advantages to development of the A12 corridor, especially given the improvements to rail infrastructure in that area (Crossrail).

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

**Comments**

There is significant potential for development in this area. Brentwood Borough Council should employ a balanced 'spatial strategy' to development.

? 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**

The development of Brownfield sites is always preferable to the development of Greenfield sites within the Green Belt. Development of Greenfield sites, within the Green Belt, should only be considered as a last resort.

? 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**

? 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**



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					5
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use			3		
Wildlife Interest				4	
Historic Interest			3		
Tranquility					5
Other – please specify: .....					



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			3	
Commercial / Industrial buildings			3	
Nature Reserves / Wildlife			3	
Farmland	1	2	3	4
Woodland		2		
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1			
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)			3	
Leisure / Recreation Facilities		2		
Other – please specify: .....				



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

**Comments**

Development plan needs to consider the congestion problems that will arise along the A128 / A127.



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

**Comments**

A holistic infrastructure plan needs to be delivered; any development needs to be sustainable and should not overwhelm current services.

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

Please ensure that you return comments to the Council by 5pm on Tuesday 17 February 2015  
(see page 1 for details)