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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

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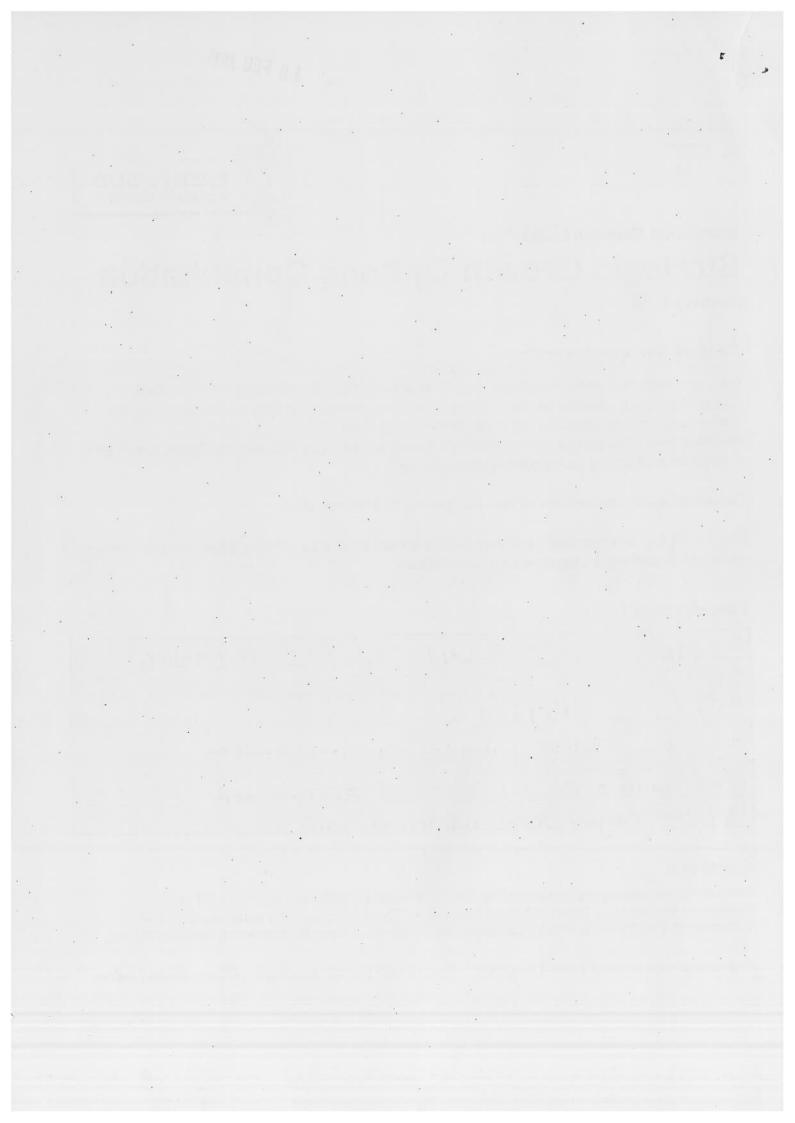
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## Questions

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.

Please use an additional sheet if necessary. Please note that all responses will be published online.



Q1: Object – (A) North of the Borough and (C) A127 Corridor make sense as geographic and cohesive community areas and can be considered as units in terms of approach to growth. However (B) A12 Corridor is selected based on no really coherent logic. The A12 is itself not a driver of growth, or growth patterns, across the area; there are no junctions through the main bulk of the settlement population, ie between Brook St and Mountnessing. It would be much more sensible to treat each of the major settlements in this area separately, which would mean separate "broad areas" for i) Brentwood (market town), ii) Shenfield & Hutton (London-oriented commuter settlements), iii) Ingatestone & Mountnessing (rural settlements), iv) Herongate & Ingrave (rural villages) and v) Pilgrims Hatch (area with particular development need). Each of these are distinct communities, with different characters and issues which merit consideration in detail. If the LDP is to fulfil its goal of optimising development across the Borough these areas cannot be lumped together.

Summary: The A12 Corridor is not a coherent unit and should be broken into its constituent communities to enable their specific characters and infrastructure to be considered, so as to optimise growth across the Borough.

Q2: Object - By treating the A12 Corridor as a block the document overlooks many issues relevant to the individual communities in the broad area. Access to Shenfield and Hutton from the A12 is effectively only from the Mountnessing round-about. Despite its size the area has succeeded in keeping a semi-rural character, and any redefinition of green belt space around it must take account of that. Brentwood is more urban in character and has much more open connections to the M25 and A12. Pilgrims Hatch is blocked in by the A12, to which it has very limited access.

Q4: Support - The Dunton Garden Suburb site looks well situated from the perspective of transport infrastructure provided that sufficient additional investment is made. Provision should be secured for all infrastructure (eg transport, education, health, drainage etc) and employment before any construction takes place, with main funding coming from the landowner's and developers' windfall profits on re-designation. Development in the village of West Horndon should only include the current industrial sites.

Q5: Object - The release of ad-hoc sites at the edge of the existing urban areas is the worst way of handling re-designation of green-belt land; it facilitates urban creep, allows settlements to expand without triggering planning and investment for necessary infrastructure and allows for speculative and low-quality development.

Q6: Object - It is inappropriate for any sites within the green belt to be developed without a full strategic assessment of the infrastructure (transport, education, health, environment etc), and without a preceding contractual agreement with landowners and developers to fund that infrastructure from the windfall profit on re-designation of land use. In particular, green belt sites around the villages should only be developed for the benefit of relatives of local families and for

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Q3: Object - The mass of green belt land put forward to the East of Hutton, Ingrave and Herongate is entirely inappropriate for development. The scale of development would entirely change the semi-rural character of Shenfield and Hutton, and ruin the character of the historic rural villages of Herongate and Ingrave. A development of this nature and scale would necessitate modern transport infrastructure, new high speed access roads to the A12 and A127, and would require the redevelopment of the areas around Brentwood and Shenfield stations to accommodate the increased traffic and need for access. In contrast the "Several sites on edge of Brentwood Urban Area" (in fact on the edge of the settlement of Hutton) would represent urban creep which it would be hard for existing infrastructure to be adapted to accommodate.

Summary: 028A/B/C, 026, 030, 031, 192, 033, 211, 219 220 and adjacent sites are inappropriate re-designation of the green belt, represent substantial urban creep and would change the character of the current settlements to the detriment of existing residents.

Q7: Support - Due consideration must be given to effective public transport links to the rail network.

Q8: Support - Brentwood Borough's retail offering should be concentrated at the top end of its retail hierarchy, with the exception of the provision of convenience and specialist stores in remote locations. There is already easy access to out-of-town retail parks at Lakeside and Blue Water, which remove the need for retail encroachment on the green belt immediately around the town.

Q9: Comment - There is good provision of open space, but the Hutton Recreation Area should be better maintained.

Q10: Comment - Scenic beauty 3 Outdoor recreation 5 Wildlife interest 4 Historical interest 4 Tranquillity 3

Q11: Comment - Houses 4 Commercial 2 Nature 3 Farmland 3 Woodland 2 Waste land 1 Infrastructure 3 Leisure 3

Q12: Object - The issues outlined here are very high level and need to be reviewed in much more detail, on the back of the presentation of robust evidence, to enable meaningful comment. There is no mention of energy infrastructure.

Q13: Comment - Education, Health and Transport have equal top weight.

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