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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.

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Q1: Do you agree with the broad areas, for the purpose of considering approaches to growth?

Yes No

Comments

It's logical.

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

Yes No

Comments

Green Belt land must be left alone.

Brownfield sites* are fine if they have already been built on (in Green Belt).
Any spare land on Brownfield sites in Green Belt should be left alone.

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

Comments

Don't build on Green belt land, even the land at the edges of urban areas. It's all precious.

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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's up to the local residents. I don't feel qualified to comment.

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

Comments

~~It's a terrible idea.~~ Terrible idea. It's Green Belt, so leave it alone. In 30 years' time they'll just be asking if they should build on Green Belt land on the NE W edges of urban areas resulting from whatever building gets forced through this time. If every generation builds "a little more" there'll be no countryside left.

? 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

Greenfield sites on the edge of villages must be left as they are. Brownfield sites are the preference, as long as they don't allude to picturesque, formerly operational farmland sneakily hidden behind a euphemism!

? 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

No. ~~It's a terrible idea.~~ There's Green Belt land around the strategic highway network, so I'm sorry but in my view that's not an option no matter how it's put to us.

? 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

Yes. There's always empty shop units and we've got to see that cinema/shopping complex.

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

Yes No

Comments

Not that I'm aware.

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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:	1	2	3	4

? Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider? Yes No

Comments

We need a new GP Surgery in Brethwood regardless of any potential expansion. At the Surgery I work at we are constantly taking on new patients and the wait is 2 weeks before they can see ANY doctor, let alone their own.

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

Comments

As above. Potholes should be filled!

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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(see page 1 for details)

