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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?

Yes
x

No

Comments

Appears to be a reasonable approach



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

Yes
x

No

Comments

Issues raised are relevant to the three areas and highlight opportunities for development but also give rise to the eventual need to prepare for the increase in population and general improvements in infrastructure.



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

Yes
x

No

Comments

A12 Corridor/ North of the Borough- Mountnessing has several proposed sites for housing which could be incorporated without destroying the character of the village and could indeed enhance it. The Old Scrapyard Site has a housing proposal- 'Roman Gardens' which would provide an impressive entry to the village from the A12 by providing not only a good range of housing but also opportunities for retail shops and play and natural areas. The proposed development of the land adjacent to Mountnessing Primary School would provide some additional housing with the advantage to the school in having a much needed building supplied by the developers. The proposed Thoby Priory Development is in Mountnessing despite being located in North of the Borough . This development would greatly improve the present brown field site.

? 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

The proposed Dunton Garden Suburb .

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

Comments

Yes but the identity of the areas should be maintained avoiding continuous 'urban sprawl'. See comments on Mountrissing in response to Question 3.

? 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

Preferably Brownfield Sites within the Greenbelt but when within the bounds of housing areas within a village it would be permissible to use Green Belt land.

? 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

Comment

Only when on sites where they are isolated and not in places where they would distract from the character of an urban area or village.

? 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

In principle but a retail area at junction A12 Mountnessing would be unacceptable as it would destroy the character of the village . The proposed housing development being the preferred option by far.

If parking in Brentwood could be free for the first hour it would encourage more shoppers.

? Q9: Are there opportunities for more open space provision in the area where you live? Yes No

Comments

Area near the River Wid could be developed into an area for recreation and for educational purposes.

? 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	4x	5
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use	1	2	3	4	5x
Wildlife Interest	1	2	3x	4	5
Historic Interest	1	2	3	4	5x
Tranquility	1	2	3	4x	5
Other – please specify:level of	1	2	3	4	5x

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

Major improvements would be needed to improve A127

Medical facilities from local health centres to a new hospital in Brentwood area would be needed to facilitate the increased population.

New schools would need to be built or existing schools increased in size.

Mountnessing Primary School has available land for increasing its size if the local population should increase through new developments.

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

Comments

Improvement to A127

Provision of new/ extended schools

A new hospital

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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