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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 No

Comments - NO

The areas are too big to take into account as a whole. It is important to consider each in individual sections to evaluate the impact on wildlife in each section. If the individual section within the area is a forest or wooded area, then this should NOT be developed. If the area is a field with hedgerows, then the environmental impact on removing those hedgerows needs to be assessed.



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

Yes No

Comments - NO

There is not enough emphasis placed on the importance of safeguarding the wildlife in each area. No animal homes or habitat should ever be destroyed.



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

Comments - YES

Do NOT build on Hopefield! It is completely immoral to build on an animal sanctuary! Only brownfield sites should be built on. These are eyesores in the area and are literally just waiting to be re-developed. It makes absolutely no sense to destroy beautiful countryside when there are deserted buildings standing vacant. One plot you have failed to include is the old car place and boarded up cottages in Ingrave Road – you could get several houses/flats there!



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 West Horndon industrial estate could be developed without impacting too much on the surrounding area.



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

Yes No

Comments - NO

Most definitely not. No green land should ever be “released”, only brownfield sites should be built on. Hopefield Animal Sanctuary is in this area and is an essential home to many animals. Hopefield is a safe haven for these animals, please keep it that way.



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

Only develop Brownfield sites. It makes no sense to destroy beautiful countryside and animals’ homes when there are brownfield sites! Greenfield sites are essential to wildlife and essential to the wellbeing of us human residents.
“The council greatly values the high quality natural environment of the Borough and recognises it is protected and a valuable asset” – Good, keep to your word and protect it!



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

Sites should only be used once they have been evaluated for the impact any development would have on any wildlife in the area. Build on carparks, knock buildings down, use brownfield sites but do NOT use greenfield/greenbelt/forests/wooded areas/Hopefield land!



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

The town centre is thus called because it is in the centre of the town. However, we chose to live in Brentwood because of the nice High Street and the surrounding area. We don’t want somewhere busier, otherwise we’d have stayed in the Romford area!



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

Yes No

Comments

All open spaces should be left as they are. This question doesn't make sense – why are you looking to create open space when you are currently looking at which open spaces to destroy?



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



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 – NO to first question, YES to the second

The roads around Brentwood are already in a terrible state – full of pot holes! We don't need any more traffic using them!



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

Comments

Fix the existing roads!

DO NOT BUILD ON GREEN BELT LAND!

DO NOT BUILD ON GREEN FIELD LAND!

DO NOT BUILD ON WOODED AREAS!

DO NOT BUILD ON FORESTED AREAS!

DO NOT BUILD ON HOPEFIELD LAND!

DO BUILD ON BROWNFIELD SITES!

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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