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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:

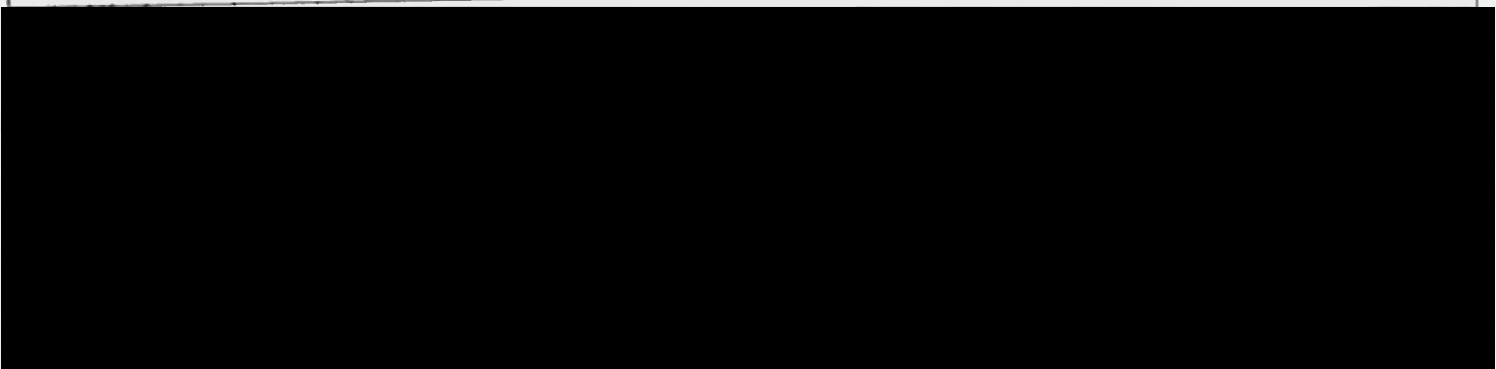
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or by email to [planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk)

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.

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

Yes  No

**Comments** I find the "broad areas" in effect too broad. It is fine to describe areas like the Sutton Hall proposal, the A12 corridor, where you have plans in place, but it also opens an opportunity to destroy the existing Green Belt area. The exclusion of Blackmore village, for example, from Green Belt protection is nothing more than an excuse to open the door for "village" growth that cannot be achieved under the present boundary protection. There is no justification to change the Green Belt / boundary in the North of the area and no genuine reason to place the village of Blackmore on the "excluded list".

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

Yes  No

**Comments** The issues raised are only applicable where genuine development is already proposed and therefore the issues need to be considered. For villages excluded from the Green Belt protection set out in the plan, the issue is simply whether or not it is legitimate to exclude such villages. This is not the case in some of the villages listed like Blackmore that should still remain within Green Belt protection. Moving the boundary appears to be an excuse to open the door for unwanted development. This is NOT a democratic approach to planning!!

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

**Comments**

There are nurseries within the village of Blackmore that two fields, currently under Green Belt protection, have been earmarked for more than 100 houses. Under the National Planning Policy Framework that Brentwood claim to support, such development could not happen. By placing Blackmore on the "excluded from Green Belt list" under the pretext of changing "Definable Boundaries", you are providing the opportunity to give permission for such development. This cannot be good governance.

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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**

No comments for this area.

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

Yes  No

**Comments**

Definitely not if it is an excuse to redraw the present Green Belt.

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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**

No - definitely not. Green Belt must be preserved as it is intended to be. You must find other alternatives outside the existing Green Belt.

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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**

With the transport system that exists today, and the trend for several family members to have their own transport, it would be much better to consider improvement to the road system. Again only suitable sites outside Green Belt should be considered.

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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**



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

Yes  No

**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	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: <i>the right to Green Belt protection and preservation of village life</i>	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**

Without detail of each planned development it is not yet possible to give a definitive answer. Infrastructure seldom keeps up with development.

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

**Comments**

As Q.12

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

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