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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.

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

Yes No

Comments

The A12 Corridor has limited opportunity for growth and North of the Borough is mainly Green Belt with limited transport links and infrastructure. The A127 Corridor would be more suitable for growth.



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

Yes No

Comments

Protecting the Green Belt should be of paramount importance, but Brownfield land and in-fill plots could be developed sympathetically. Traffic flows would also present major challenges



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

Yes No

Comments

Ingatstone Garden Centre (128) divides the Parishes of Mountnessing and Ingatstone and therefore should not be built upon. The current use of the Garden Centre is permitted Brownfield use on a Green Belt site, but if it is no longer required it should remain as Green Belt land.

Land to south of Fryerning Lane (153) is currently open, unspoilt land. Access to this site from Fryerning Lane would be problematic.



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 Dunton Garden Suburb site has good access to the A127 and main line railway.



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

Yes No

Comments

Releasing small sites ad-hoc does not require developers to contribute towards the infrastructure of the area, e.g. school places, healthcare provision, sewage, transport links etc.



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

Brownfield sites preferably, but both could be considered to meet the housing need. Greenfield sites around Villages should only be released for housing if guarantees could be put in place whereby local residents and their families who have a strong connection to that area would take priority in benefiting from any new build. Strong emphasis should be placed on making the new builds affordable.



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

A Business Park close to the M25 at Junction 29 could provide unmet employment needs



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

The William Hunter Way and Baytree Centre sites should be redeveloped to meet the majority of need over the plan period



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

Yes No

Comments

There is a reasonably good provision of open space in the area where I live, with Seymour Field and Fairfield in Ingatestone, and Coronation Field in Mountnessing. I don't believe there are opportunities for more open space provision.



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 / Attractivness	1	2	3	4	5
Outdoor Recreation / Lelsure 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
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Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider?

Yes No

Comments

Broadband coverage is poor/erratic in this area, and sewage treatment provision does not seem to have been addressed in the consultation document

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

Comments

Schools, Community facilities and healthcare provision

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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