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## Brentwood Borough Local Plan

# Strategic Growth Options Consultation

January 2015

## Consultation questionnaire

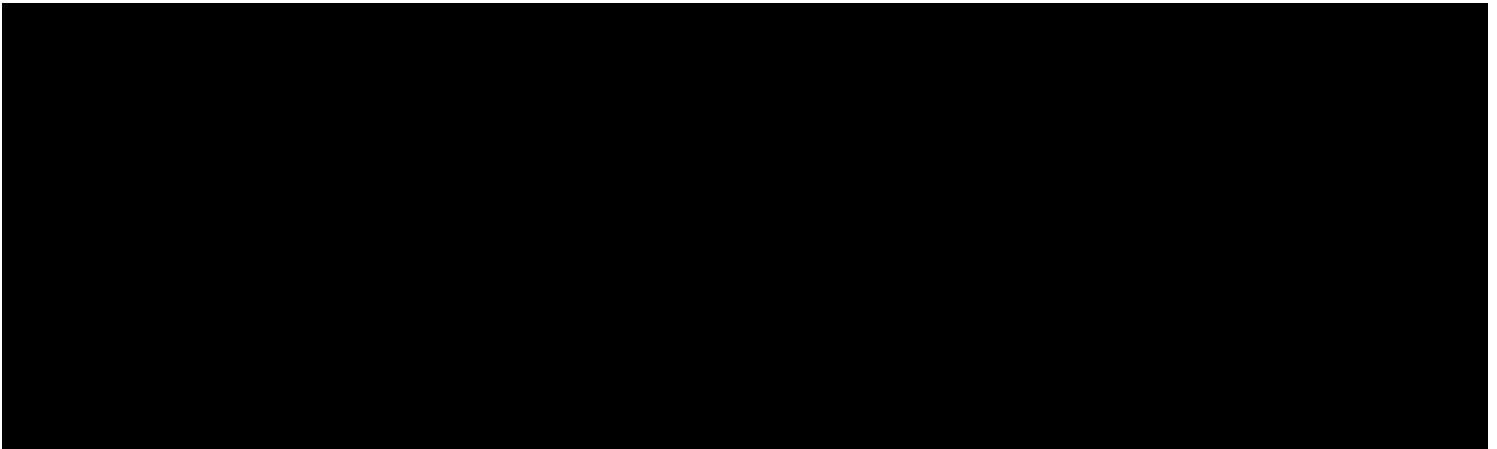
This consultation questionnaire relates to the Brentwood Local Plan Strategic Growth Options Consultation and is provided for you to make comments. Please take the opportunity to read the consultation document before filling in this form and returning to:

**Planning Policy Team, Brentwood Borough Council Town Hall, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AY**  
or by email to [planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk](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.

## 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](http://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

Sensible approach given different characteristics of the areas.



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

Yes No

#### Comments

- All forms of travel along the A127 are already well over capacity.
- A127 is a "local road" at Southend and suffers from extremely heavy traffic as it reaches London. Widening would encroach on homes along the road.
- Flood risk is not addressed. We have a serious flood problem in West Horndon.
- I do not understand why the A127 has greater development potential due to its having a "different landscape character. We in the south of the borough value the fenland landscape which contributes to an open rural landscape.



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

#### Comments

O20 and O21 - Industrial Estates in W Horndon. 500 is excessive as it will increase the village size by about 90%. The current infrastructure would be totally inadequate to expand the village to this size. Site 200 (Dunton) with a buffer area maintained between the Garden Suburb and West Horndon village would safeguard West Horndon's status as a village.



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

What evidence is there that there is greater capacity for growth along the A127 as opposed to the A12? There is a serious threat of flooding in the West Horndon area. How would this be managed?



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

Yes  No

**Comments**

Sustainable development should be considered at all available and suitable sites.



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 should always be considered first.



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**

Employment opportunities should be provided where there is access to public and private transport.



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**

- Regular public transport and improved transport infrastructure should be available to allow the rural population access to the Town Centre.

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

**Comments**

Any future development in the village should include the opportunity to enhance the facilities in the park and give better access to it.

? 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**

Along with other councils, consideration should be given to the development of the C2C line to accommodate current residents along the line and the Garden Suburb residents. The A128 is a heavily used road and increased traffic on the A127 and A12 will exacerbate this problem.



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

**Comments**

All categories of infrastructure should receive sufficient funds to cover the immense development proposed.

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

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