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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

Yes:- for the purpose of examining the Borough in more detail taking account of the different features then the three broad areas chosen look viable.



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

Yes No

Comments

Yes but with reservations:-

1. For North of the Borough brownland that is also greenbelt should not be released. To release greenbelt land that has been allowed to become derelict land should not be allowed as this will encourage mis-use of land in the hope it will become building land. It would seem that North of the Borough has water and sewerage shortages as well as a poor road infrastructure.

2. The A12 corridor has the best road and rail access and should be the area best suited for expansion without changing the character of the area significantly.



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

Yes No

Comments

Yes:- The use of greenfield sites 143, 185, 070, 224 and 188 in Doddinghurst are unacceptable as they would allow development in the green belt. They also join up existing residential areas, creating urban sprawl in the village. In addition the road access to sites 143, 224, 070 and 185 is too limited to enable significant development and would create extra traffic on these minor roads to the detriment of quality of life of existing

residents.

Site 019 already has a residence (All Saints Church Rectory) on it – I am unaware of any plans to sell this land.



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 proposal would seem to be an excellent solution. The scheme is ideally located in terms of transport links. The creation of a new suburb would be able to take advantage of the greater awareness currently available of what is required for a productive and satisfying lifestyle. Rather than crowbar in small developments into existing communities, a new suburb could offer a superb Environment without straining the infrastructure.



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

Comments

Yes:- Brownfield sites would be an effective use of land along the A12 corridor.



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)? Yes No

Comments

No:- Brownfield sites on the edge of villages would not generally be of benefit to the community. This would strain the resources within villages.

Only where the whole community benefits would this outweigh the disadvantages. Other consequences might be that sites could be manipulated in order to gain approval for development.



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

Yes:- site 101A on the M25/ A127 junction seems ideally suited to light industry/retail use. Good transport links would greatly help in reducing heavy traffic on minor roads.



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:- Brentwood Town centre needs much better shops if it is to justify its expensive car parking. There should be a parking permit scheme for people who are employed in the town and more competitive rates for shoppers. There has to be appeal for people to come and spend time/money. If it's not pleasurable they will go elsewhere.



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

Yes No

Comments

Yes:- in terms of encouraging walking and cycling. For instance there is no footpath from Park Wood along Doddinghurst Road to join up with the pavement in place from Mountnessing Lane into the village centre. There is no cycle path from Doddinghurst into Brentwood. There are footpaths

around the village and access to these could be improved. Days Lane seems a quiet country lane but can be a dangerous place to walk as traffic is frequently travelling too fast.

? 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	✓	5
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use	1	2	3	✓	5
Wildlife Interest	1	2	3	4	✓
Historic Interest	1	2	✓	4	5
Tranquility	1	2	3	✓	5
Other – please specify: Aircraft of all shapes and sizes - noise pollution	1	✓	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	✓	4
Commercial / Industrial buildings	1	✓	3	4
Nature Reserves / Wildlife	1	2	✓	4
Farmland	1	2	✓	4
Woodland	1	2	✓	4
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	✓	2	3	4
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)	1	✓	3	4
Leisure / Recreation Facilities	1	2	✓	4
Other – please specify: Ponds and rivers	1	✓	3	4
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Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider? Yes X No X

Comments

No:- water supplies, broadband and power supplies are important issues.

Yes:- Air corridors and air traffic over Brentwood is significant being on Heathrow, Stansted, City, Southend and North Weald Airport flight paths and also military routes. Helicopters cause noise pollution as they are able to cross at quite low altitudes.



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

Comments

Green infrastructure spending as a priority would have many long-term benefits. By promoting outdoor sport, recreational and play activities a greater connection would be encouraged between the community and the environment which would help to foster a sense of stewardship for the land around us. Health benefits can accrue from these activities and also opportunities for education and greater contact within the community.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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