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**BRENTWOOD  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**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:

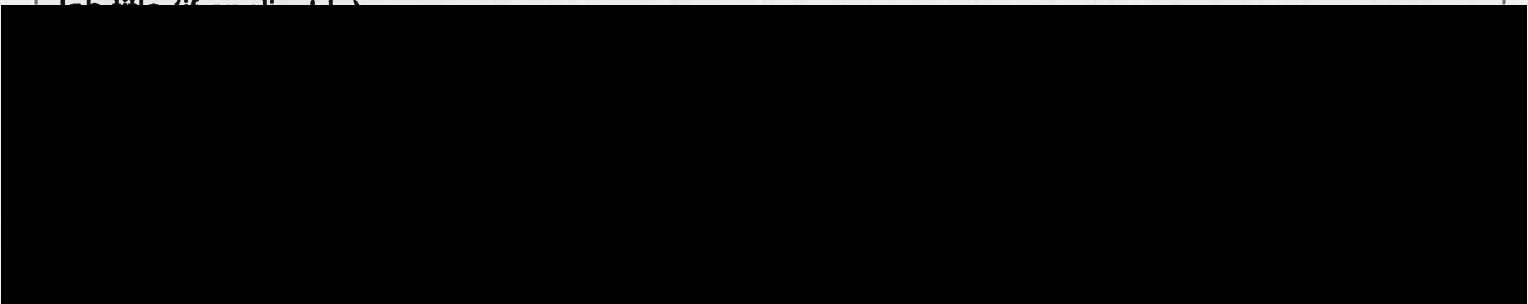
**Planning Policy Team, Brentwood Borough Council Town Hall, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AY**  
or by email to **planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk**

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**

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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**



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

Yes  No

**Comments**



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

**Comments** Sites around existing villages should only be considered where there is clear evidence of local need. A recent proposal near Blackmore village for housing on one of the particular sites led to very strong local objections and was not supported by local needs. Local needs and requirements should be the prime consideration - not meeting politically imposed targets.



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**

Dunton Garden Suburb has good access to existing transport network and has space for future further expansion if required. There is also more space available to support housing development with infrastructure.

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

**Comments**

Use of brownfield land should be prioritized, as infrastructure & transport services are likely to have to expand in any scenario, and this is likely to be the area where local need and housing demand are highest, especially due to Crossrail.

? 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 be used whenever possible. Any expansion onto unspoilt Green Belt should be avoided wherever possible to preserve the attractive nature of the Brentwood B.C. area.

? 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 it makes clear sense to allocate sites near existing major highways.

? 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**

Town centres around the UK have been damaged by out-of-town developments. Brentwood needs a thriving town centre with a variety of shops and offices.



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:<br><i>Strong sense of community</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:<br>.....           | 1      | 2          | 3        | 4           |

? Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider? Yes  No

**Comments**

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

**Comments**

School provision and transport. both roads and public transport including buses.

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

Please ensure that you return comments to the Council by 5pm on Tuesday 17 February 2015  
(see page 1 for details)

