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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?

No

**Comments**

**The North of the Borough area should not be included because:**

- a) It is made up of mostly rural/village locations where any significant levels of new development will be out of keeping with the character of the area**
- b) The infrastructure in these villages (in terms of roads, schools,GPs etc) is already at maximum capacity**
- c) Much of the area is Green Belt which should not be developed**
- d) Public transport and cycle facilities are virtually non-existent**



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

No

**Comments**

North of the Borough – the proposal to allow development on the edges of the villages is not appropriate as it will lead to sprawl and villages potentially merging into each other.

In all areas, Green Belt development should not be allowed – if it is then what's the point of having a Green Belt in the first place?



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

**Comments**

Sites 209, 043,080,188 are not suitable for development.

There are already significant safety issues with the crossroads adjacent to these areas and an increase in vehicle movements here as a result of new housing would exacerbate the problem. The sites are very rural and there

is no connectivity in terms of cycle routes or pedestrian routes to the neighbouring village, so residents are more likely to use conventional forms of transport because of distance and safety issues.

Site 209 is definitely Green Belt and so should not be released for new housing. Development on the other part of this field (for the GP surgery) was only allowed due to the “special circumstances” of it being a healthcare facility.

? 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

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

**Comments**

This makes more sense as they are urban areas and so development is more in keeping with the surroundings. Also the public transport options are better, and the proximity to the A12 means road links are better too.

? 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**

Neither is desirable but the latter (developing brownfield sites) is the lesser of two

evils.



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

**Comments**

Yes – and/or near to decent train/bus routes.



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

**Comments**



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

Yes

**Comments**

There's not an opportunity to create more new open space. However, there is an opportunity to continue to safeguard the open spaces we already have by respecting the Green Belt.



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					5
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use					5
Wildlife Interest				4	
Historic Interest			3		
Tranquility					5
Other – please specify: Openness/lack of high density housing .....					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			3	
Commercial / Industrial buildings		2		
Nature Reserves / Wildlife			3	
Farmland				4
Woodland				4
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land		2		
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)		2		
Leisure / Recreation Facilities		2		
Other – please specify: .....	1	2	3	4

? Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider?

No

**Comments**

See earlier comments re schools, GPs, roads, etc already being at maximum capacity.

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

**Comments**

Repair of roads

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

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