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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 Growth is essential to life. However, how do we grow? The idea of a new garden city is appealing providing this growth is maintained in an orderly way. The growth of villages is not desirable. The infrastructure is not there for growth.

B) A real need for better traffic systems. The trouble is like the M25 it will become full and then where do we go?

C) Agree but road problems like above.

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

Yes No

Comments

A) Neither of the Borough comment 2.14 agree, Comment 2.15 disagree

B) Broadly agree

C) " "

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

Comments

The village garden site at Dorton should be the preferred option. As stated enlarging villages cause problems re social, education, roads and then village life becomes town life. Seen there is no difference between the village & town.

? 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 Dorton site.

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

Yes No

Comments

The A12 is an obvious growth area alongside the corridor. The trouble is again one of infrastructure and urban creep. The A12 is a very busy road. Unless planned well it will become even busier and disrupt the economic well being of the region.

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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)?

No

Comments

This green and beautiful land will become not Jerusalem, but that of the film 'Blade Runner'. We have a duty to protect it therefore Brownfield sites are the preferred option. Once you have Greenfield sites the next step is to take the next bit of Greenfield next to the site just developed.

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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

Businesses need to access transport links quickly. Locating them near Strategic highway networks is sensible provided safety which we take in order to consider the impact it has on the surrounding Green and General environment.

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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

Brentwood needs a 'honey pot'. A store that will encourage people to come. At the same time the individual businesses must be safeguarded. Parking prices are unjustifiable. In Hornchurch they charge 20p for 2 hours. Make the place somewhere for people to come and enjoy the experience.

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

Yes No

Comments

After nearly 20yrs of living in the village it is noticeable the increase in traffic and the noise that has come with the years. The thought of these two ingredients increasing due to 'more open space provision' is worrying. People live in such areas to get away from less open space environments. So why should we have to provide more 'open space provision'. Use Countryside sites!

? 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: <i>Breathing space.....</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: <i>Wildlife – give it a chance!</i>	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 Increasing the size of a village by say 40 homes brings a major problem to the infrastructure, education, and environment. Litter around the village is out of control. This will increase. Noise & traffic will increase. Unsocial behaviour may well develop. Flooding could increase due to the concreting of fields.

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

Comments

In the area, the roads are bad, potholes come and don't go! Although the area must flood. Over the past couple of years the worst places in the parish flood. Start to think what it will be like when fields disappear. Where will the water go?

Priorities for infrastructure should be roads and flood alleviation.

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)

