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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 ~~ALTHOUGH~~ I found the consultation details a little hard to follow I think, YES. Splitting the Borough into three corridors, i.e. The North, A127, A12 makes sense. Provided it is split fairly and not just one area, the A127 corridor.

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

~~Yes~~ No

Comments

See attached sheet

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

Yes ~~No~~

Comments

See attached sheet

? 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

See attached sheet

STRATEGIC GROWTH OPTIONS CONSULTATION

PERSONAL DETAILS

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Please find my answers to questions 2, 3, 4, and 12 which I was unable to fit onto your official sheet.

Q.2. Do you agree with the issues raised within each of these areas?

NO

COMMENTS:

The A127 corridor seems to have been considered to have greater potential for development than the other two. Why is it because it is not considered to be as pretty as the others!? We who live in the area like it, if we had not we would not have moved here. We enjoy and appreciate our farmland and open fenland landscape. Sadly, the A127 corridor has experienced flooding in some areas – and this needs to be considered when you make your final decisions. Presently the A127 and A128 have extremely heavy traffic and at times we in West Horndon find it difficult to get onto these roads. As to future developments I feel the A12 has equal potential and although has heavy traffic could be widened easier than the A127 which in many parts is bounded by houses, offices, etc. and these could have to be knocked down. They too have rail networks. Presently both our road and rail networks are running at full capacity especially during rush hours.

Q.3. Do you have any comments on the appropriateness of particular sites?

YES

COMMENTS:

The industrial estates in West Horndon, 020 and 021 are already in the 5 year plan and are brownfield sites and I feel there are other brownfield sites that could be developed around West Horndon giving us, hopefully a lower figure than 400-500 new homes on these sites. I believe the site where Elliott's club used to be is already earmarked for 20 new homes. Our Village has approximately 700+ homes and even with 400-500 new homes on the industrial estate would increase our Village by 90%. Even with this amount we would need expansion of school, doctors, transport, shops, roads (ours are all small and virtually only lanes).

The other sites 037A, B and C; 038A and B, and 126 are all green belt land surrounding W.H. Village. Development would change us beyond all recognition and put a strain on everything. Don't forget this land is our "flood plains" and for many years has protected our Village. Without any doubt site 200 – Dunton Garden Suburb – would be much preferred.

Q.4. 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;

You seem to have decided on the A127 corridor as your number 1 area for development as opposed to the other two! Having read your literature on the site 200 Dunton Garden Suburb this is the area I would prefer. It has the potential to provide Brentwood (and Basildon) with a large portion of their residential development required. It would hopefully enable West Horndon's housing numbers on sites 020 and 021 to be less than 400-500, leaving us with a Village/small community feel.

Looking at the plans it would be nice if the piece of land between the A128 and the river/stream on the western edge of this development could be turned into a wooded development. Trees and the like would go a long way to alleviating flood risks due to any developments planned and hopefully keep the new areas as well as West Hordon free from damage from HEAVY RAINS.

Q.12 Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider?

YES

COMMENTS:

I think all aspects of the infrastructure need to have a rethink. With regard to the A127 corridor thought needs to be given to the effect on the C2C rail network between Shoeburyness and Fenchurch Street which is already running at full capacity. As well as transport to and from the town centres. How will residents get from their homes to the town centres of Basildon and Brentwood plus travel to/from the Dunton Garden Suburb? Already the links between the A127, A128, A12 are under strain with the amount of traffic and thought needs to be given as to how this can be alleviated. In addition to transport; schools, healthcare, community facilities and open green space has to be a priority.

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

Yes ~~No~~

Comments Brentwood Borough has a high level of projected housing needs and Brentwood should consider all sites across the whole of the Borough. The A12 corridor has the ability to meet a large part of this need and suitable sites should definitely be considered.

? 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 preferred and considered above Greenfield sites. A small percentage of Greenfield sites may have to be released if push comes to shove, but Brownfield should always be considered, used and exhausted before Greenbelt. Releasing and using all the greenbelt around West Horndon would not create a good and balanced impact. We have one area of parkland within our Village which is used extensively by the residents. Yes we have Thorndon Country Park but to get to it we have to cross the A127 and most of us do not fancy getting knocked down and possibly killed.

? 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 With the industrial estate in West Horndon (hopefully) being developed for residential and part industrial development it is imperative that employment opportunities are provided within the A127 corridor. However they must be accessible by public transport as well as by road.

? 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 In West Horndon we have very few shops, a small McColl's, hairdressers, a shop selling electric fires, and a newsagent. We did have more but these have been turned into offices. So we do need a good town centre shopping area plus transport for us to get into the town centre, along with adequate car parking areas reasonably priced.

Presently our buses come every 2 hours. The last one from Brentwood is 5.40 pm

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

Yes ~~No~~

Comments

As previously stated here in West Horndon we do have a small community park area in Cadogan Avenue. This area is definitely needed in our Village and with increased residential development it will need extra facilities and access. As pointed out there is the Thorndon Country Park but we would have to cross the A127 to get 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: FRIENDLYNESS WITH NEIGHBOURS	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

See attached sheet

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

Comments As with the previous question, thought and action has to be given to transport, education/schools, hospitals/healthcare, green space, community facilities. These need to be expanded before and not once all the homes are built but while they are being built.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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