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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](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.

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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](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?

Yes  No

**Comments**

Small villages north of the A12 do not have adequate transport links.

Increasing housing in Blackmore by 10% will change the aesthetics of the village forever and consequently will no longer be a village.

? 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** Blackmore - Sewage capacity unavailable at ~~the first area~~ one of these sites.

Phone lines are at capacity at Orchard Piece.

The primary school is at capacity.

The village roads are not able to cope with increased car use. The wildlife will suffer - barn owls, little owls & tawny owls all present behind Orchard Piece.

? 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 A127 Corridor. It contains the single settlement of Horndon and not several and the A12 and northern villages cannot cope with any more traffic congestion, including Brentwood through the town and Ongar Road. Services would suffer more and they are already strained.

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

Yes  No

**Comments**

Again, services and infrastructure in these surrounding areas are already at or over coping capacity. The towns and villages around these areas are developed enough - the traffic is always built up, roads unable to cope, queues into small towns built up ~~at~~ throughout the day, schools already at capacity, services full and don't run enough.

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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)?

**Comments**

Neither option is preferable, constraining opportunity for growth is a need in some places to preserve our greenbelt land, it's wildlife, asset to villages, and landscape character. The areas just aren't suitable - already constrained transport links, sewage at capacity, phone lines at capacity, schools at capacity, wildlife already

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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**

Between Thurrock, Basildon and Havering where highways and towns are less congested than A12 and north, perhaps.

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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**

? 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>..... | 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           |

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

**Comments**

Brentwood Borough is beautiful and attractive because of its rural areas and wildlife. Please don't take this away and squander its environment & the quality of life it offers by developing the areas considered treasures to so many.

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

**Comments**

Green infrastructure.

**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)

