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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.

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Q1: Do you agree with the broad areas, for the purpose of considering approaches to growth?

Yes No

Comments

No one area should bear the brunt of New Housing / development. Since development overdone will change any area.

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

Yes No

Comments

I do not agree and cannot see it is believed that A127 area has greater development potential than the A12 area. The Rail network is already at breaking point and cannot be made any better by increasing the passenger numbers in any great way.

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

Comments 037A, B & C, 038A and B, and 126 all come under green belt. Development in these areas would swamp West Horndon and change the entire character of the village. Brown field sites are more desirable for development and some in West Horndon are already proposed for building.

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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

I do NOT agree with this statement at all! Having said that the best of a bad choice is Dunton Garden Suburb but only because it is the choice that causes least harm. Even so I would like to see 'positive' measures in place to prevent this development from future enlargement. (ie urban creep). Furthermore, West Horndon also has Thurrock on its border and I would also expect similar measures taken to prevent development by Thurrock along its border with West Horndon. One further point: No mention has been made of possible flood risks in the area.

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

Comments Surely it is only right and proper that all potential sites are considered across the whole of the Borough. Potential sites in A12 corridor cannot simply be ignored it would not be sound to simply discount them. You cannot just damp all future development in the South of the Borough.

? 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 I would expect that so called Brownfield sites would all be considered over and above Greenfield sites as a matter of course. Greenfield sites should only be developed after Brownfield sites have been exhausted.

? 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 If new developments ^{are} on the scale of which is being suggested. It must surely involve considerable development of access to all existing and new highways. Also public transport would also need to be ~~developed~~ developed. The A127 is at peak times already at capacity and the public transport in the South of the Borough is practically non-existent.

? 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 But only if proper transport facilities are provided. (ie cheap car parking in town centre, Having only charge 20p for 2 hours), also good bus services, more than once or twice a day

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

Yes No

Comments *West Horndon Park could and should be developed for use by local community. Access to Thorndon Country Park should be provided as currently it is only accessible by car from West Horndon since we in this village cannot safely walk or indeed cycle anywhere!!*

? 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:	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 Existing bus services to the 'town centre' are inadequate and the buses used are filthy broken down with the occasional decent bus. (I stopped using them because of this).
Railway from West Horndon is, at peak times already at capacity and the station is not usable by disabled people
The roads are also, at peak times at capacity.

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

Comments Improvements to bus services to and from West Horndon.
Upgrading roads and improving cycle & pedestrian access from West Horndon to the rest of the Borough.
(we seem to be cut off and forgotten because of A27.)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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(see page 1 for details)

