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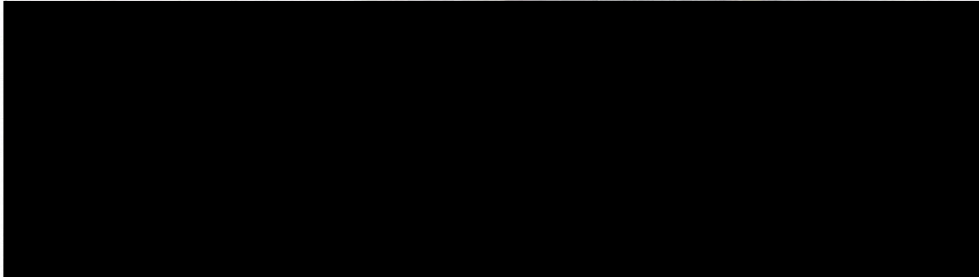
**Local Plan 2015-2030  
Preferred Options  
July 2013  
COMMENT FORM**

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**YOUR COMMENTS**

**Please indicate which section(s) of the Local Plan you are commenting on** (please clearly state the Policy reference or paragraph number): Future Housing – preferred options

Site ref: 70

SHLAA ref: G086

**Please specify if you Support or Object** (tick as appropriate):

Support

Object

**Comments** (please use additional sheet if required):

I am the owner of the above site ref 70.

I am disappointed to note that your Draft Site Assessment contains some inaccuracies that ought to be addressed and amended.

Access to Road: Not the best; but certainly no worse than St Margaret's Church.

Access to Post Office: Within 200 yards in Doddinghurst Road.

Consultation/Public Views: Parish Council Petition – I would like this to be discounted on the basis that the Petition was organised by the Chairman of the Parish Council as a 'knee jerk' reaction and biased. It was dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2011 and distributed – but not verified by the Parish Council until the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2011 ( see Parish minutes). I believe that the Parish Council were of the opinion that they were having a social housing estate similar to 'Outings Lane' thrust upon the village and based their Petition accordingly. There was no consultation with the public and the public were led to tick the boxes to suit the council's aims.

I addressed the Parish Council at a Public Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 (see copy of attached statement) and copies of Brentwood Gazette articles 29<sup>th</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 attached.

Subsequently, I have had three parishioner couples requesting to be considered for this 'retirement' development.

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**All responses should be received by Wednesday 2nd October 2013**





**BACKLASH:** Dave Parrott showing the land at Doddinghurst

# Grandfather's plans for retirement units upsets householders

## Campaign letter highlights concerns

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A GRANDFATHER is defending his vision for a "retirement village" in his leafy parish after it received a backlash of criticism through a letter campaign.

Dave Parrott claims to be shocked by the reaction from fellow villagers in Doddinghurst after he proposed a 2.6-acre plot of land near St Margaret's Church, in Doddinghurst Road, for development under Brentwood's new Local Development Plan.

It is just one of 44 sites put forward for housing as landowners look to cash in on plans to create 3,400 homes by 2031.

The details, revealed in the Gazette, prompted the parish council to send out letters to villagers highlighting a series of concerns over building on green belt, the highways access and impact on the "infrastructure of the village, such as the schools, water system and sewerage farm".

Attached to this was a letter of objection to Brentwood Borough Council, with blank spaces for residents to sign their name and write their address.

Mr Parrott, 61, who lives close to the proposed site at Doddinghurst Road, said: "My vision for this parcel of land is of a low-density retirement village where locals could downsize and stay in the area where their friends and family are. Maybe gated and with lots of green open space.

"Possibly sheltered with a warden and communal garden."

He added: "I think Doddinghurst does need this, I think it will do the village good and it will have very little impact.

### Vision

"To be honest, I think I may buy one myself because this place has got much too big for me."

A land survey, carried out on behalf of the borough council, identified there could be 60 units on this particular plot of land, but Mr Parrott insists he would not want any more than half this amount on a low-density site.

He says his visions for a retirement village would have little impact on the traffic and sewage system, while the site was conveniently positioned near a bus stop and would benefit the area.

As for the letter campaign, Mr Parrott, who has lived in the village for 35 years, questioned why he was never approached before they were sent out.

He points out it would be many years before this development would ever come to fruition under the Local Development Plan.

He said: "There are many high and misguided feelings running through the village, not helped by the letter sent to all residents by the parish council intimating this will cause severe strain on the schools, water system, sewerage farm and traffic."

Councillor Debbie Dicker, the parish council chairman, confirmed they had sent out the letters and had received plenty of reaction since - all against the proposal.

Mrs Dicker said: "We felt this was the only way we could legitimately inform residents this is something that is on the map."

The proposal and local development plan is due to be discussed at the next parish council meeting on Thursday, at 8pm, in the village hall, Church Lane.

Members of the public are welcome.

## Teachers' strike will have major impact

STRIKE action by teachers will force hundreds of parents to take time off work in order to look after

St Martins will close the school for years 7, 8 and 9. Sawyers Hall College will be closed for students

of teachers will be on strike. Brentwood Ursuline has also said their school will be heavily affected

### In brief

#### Students' art show at exhibit

**BRENTWOOD:** Dress maps and giant sculpt among an array of art school's summer exhibit. The exhibition at B School showcased a century's work by art, design, technology and ICT projects. There were many examples of A-level examination display.

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## Villager hits out at 'bias' against plan for retirees

A GRANDFATHER has publicly defended his vision to build a "retirement village" but admits it may never happen within his lifetime.

Dave Parrott passionately defended putting forward a 2.6-acre plot of land near St Margaret's Church, in Dodinghurst Road, for development under Brentwood's Local Development Plan.

At a meeting of Dodinghurst Parish Council on Thursday, the 70-year-old said he had been in the village for 53 years and he had been out at the time he had seen the site. He had then headed "back" to them of turning villagers against his proposal.

### Concerns

News of all the sites put forward in the development plan were revealed in the Gazette in May and prompted the parish council to send out letters to villagers highlighting a series of concerns over building on green belt, the highways access and impact on the parish. Attached to this was a letter of objection from the Borough Council with blank spaces for residents to sign their name and write their address.

Mr Parrott said he should have been approached before the letters were sent out and questioned the "quality" status of the parish council.

Council chairman, Cllr Debbie Dicker, defended the decision to send out the letter and insisted they were never trying to cause pain.