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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.

Personal Details

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

Area 028C & 192 is an area of beautiful fields, nice and open which has only one main road servicing the area the A128. To build houses would severely congest further an already congested road into Brentwood Town Centre. Schools and GP surgeries already struggle to cope with current housing levels. The area is Green Belt land and it would be unfortunate to build on precious Green Belt land. parts of woodland are already being sold off in Thorndon. Is Brentwood to become on complete housing estate and lose our rural areas to a concrete jungle?



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

Yes No

Comments

Housing might be needed but not in the A12 corridor. There is only one main road servicing Brentwood Town Centre from Hutton South. The areas mentioned in answer one are areas of natural beauty and clean and open land which is precious and extremely beneficial environmentally to Brentwood's and Hutton South' residents.



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

Comments

Hutton South/Central would unsuitable options. These areas are already built up and the current infrastructure is already over stretched. A12 corridor would hopefully not be considered as suitable despite the open land.

? 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

Yes. The A127 corridor would be a much better option for housing as that area benefits from access to the A127, the A13 via A128 and the M25, without causing the disruption and congestion that would occur if housing was added to the A12 corridor. Access to London would still be possible via West Horndon to Fenchurch Street. Also to Southend via this line.

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

Comments

Absolutely not. The A128 Herongate/Ingrave/Hutton South cannot cope with any more people, traffic and the environmental devastation to this area. One main road services traffic in and out of Brentwood Town Centre in this area. Running Waters and Hanging Hill Lane gets severely congested with traffic to and from St. Martins School and is the only cut through to Shenfield without going via Brentwood Town Centre.

? 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

No. The areas 028C & 192 is agricultural land and as such should remain so or be left as meadows for the environmental benefit of wildlife and local residents. to build on this land would be a total blot on Brentwood's beautiful landscape. It would be damaging environmentally and pollute a lovely clean area. The A127 corridor would not be unduly affecting residents. West Horndon is fairly small and would not suffer the congestion that the A12 corridor would.



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

Depends where the sites are allocated. North Brentwood is close to J28 of M25 and the A12 which London and East Anglia can be accessed. The A12 is to be widened which will help with any possible congestion. This area is probably better suited with regard to future employment.



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

It allows retailers to maintain a good footfall.



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

Yes No

Comments

Option A North of the Borough owing to good road links i.e J28 of M25 and A12 or Option C the A127 corridor owing also to good road links the A127, A13 and J29 of M25. Option B A12 corridor would not be a sensible one owing to being in the middle of the other two options and only having one main road servicing the area.

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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
Local parks.....					

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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:				
Thriftwood Scout Camp which is brilliant for the young and adult residents as well as visitors from outside the Borough on jamborees.	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

Q10 Having lived in Brentwood for over 13 years and proud of living in the borough owing to it's beautiful woodlands, fields and parks, I rate the landscape of very high value as Brentwood as it provides a healthy,

clean and lovely aesthetic are to live. To blight this with nearly 6000 homes would be tragic to the residents who already live here.

Q12 No. Other issues to consider are overcrowding in the A12 corridor particularly and destruction of the environment through over development and congestion.

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

Comments

Priorities for infrastructure should be that an area should be considered that is not already built up i.e the A127 corridor which can be planned without interfering with already built up areas such as Brentwood and it's urban areas.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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