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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](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.

## 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](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?

No

**Comments**

Leave Greenbelt alone!

What encourages people to move to semi-rural areas is the corridor of Greenbelt that envelopes their homes. If they desired a built up area to live in they would stay in large towns and rely on parks and gardens.



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

No

**Comments**

For villages to grow, transport and infrastructure should be added to planning FIRST. Don't dismiss using Brownfield sites because facilities around them are poor; make them better. BUT do not over-develop. Blocks of flats are not appropriate to long term family housing, they accommodate transient residents, changing hands frequently, so not establishing roots and commitments to the area.



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

**Comments**

Building homes on the A12 and A127 corridor seems more appropriate – BUT - those residents who live within the corridors are concerned about heavier traffic, overloaded doctor surgeries, and lack of hospital beds and school places. If traffic on A127 is crawling today what will it be like with an extra 5000 private cars, hundreds more buses, delivery vehicles and pedestrians all fighting to use the road system. The backlash is traffic filtering through back roads, B roads and passing more frequently along quiet lanes.

\*\*Blindly picking over Greenbelt is not the answer to the above issues. It is just a cop-out from meeting the cost of infrastructure elsewhere..



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**

Site ref: 037c/020/021 West Horndon.

**Limited** development site ref 038b, to leave a Greenbelt barrier between existing and new builds, not a blanket development.



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

No

**Comments**

Unless the scope of development is declared this is not a fair question to answer.

EG a quantity of housing, not just flats, edging the A12, with expanses of land left intact behind it may be more acceptable. To answer Yes leaves a door wide open to an impression of acceptance of whatever development the Borough or ECC wishes to impose, purely by the evidence of people voting Yes.

Define 'the edge' and perhaps you can we can respond with in an informed manner.



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 should always be considered before Greenbelt, BUT, in an ethical, sympathetic way, that has taken into account the views of those who live closest to the development proposals.



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

**Comments**

Building warehouses along Highway corridors is more acceptable. But don't ignore the traffic issues that surround us already. When the A roads and motorway is closed due to incidents, the B roads are overwhelmed. What will the impact be with increased volumes of traffic?



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

**Comments**

Keep the heart of the town beating



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

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					5
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use					5
Wildlife Interest					5
Historic Interest					5
Tranquility					5
Other – please specify: .....					



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			3	
Commercial / Industrial buildings		2		
Nature Reserves / Wildlife				4
Farmland				4
Woodland				4
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1			
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)			3	
Leisure / Recreation Facilities		2		
Other – please specify: .....				



Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider?

No

**Comments**

Where will the schools, hospitals, clinics, residential homes, dentists, bus terminals, emergency service sites be? These are in addition to the existing ones, to accommodate the increased population.



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

**Comments**

Hospital, doctors, public transport to all stations and shops, police and other emergency services

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire**

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