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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

Splitting the borough into three areas of North, A12 Corridor and A127 Corridor makes sense given the different characteristics of these areas.



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

Yes No

Comments

On the A127 Corridor there is already too much traffic using the road and railway services with speed restrictions introduced in an attempt to control the flow of traffic at peak times. I think the A12 would be a better option than the A127 Corridor as there will be less impact on the surrounding residential area, also, the A127 is the main link between Southend and London and is also in a flood risk area.



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

Comments

I think site 200 (Dunton Garden Suburb) would be best for development but again, the infrastructure would need to be addressed and increased in a sustainable way to protect the West Horndon village and Community. Sites 037A, 037B, 038A, 038B and 126 are Green Belt sites that surround West Horndon Village; they are susceptible to flooding which would require significant landworks to manage. Building on these sites would also increase West Horndon in size, changing it from a small village, with a village feel to a small town.



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

If it has to be on the A127 Corridor, site 200 (Dunton Garden Suburb) would be the most appropriate.



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

Comments

The A12 Corridor has the ability to best meet a good portion of the Borough's increased housing needs.



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)?

Comment

Wherever possible Brownfield sites should be used first and only Greenfield where no other option is possible.



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

Yes, however public transport links need to be improved first as not everybody is able to or can afford to drive.

? 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

Yes, but only if the infrastructure is first put into place to enable all residents to access all areas including parks, the town centre and car parks.

? Q9: Are there opportunities for more open space provision in the area where you live? Yes No

Comments

There is a small park in West Horndon which could be redeveloped to enhance the facilities and make it more accessible.

? 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

As stated throughout I think improving the infrastructure is the main issue, you have to consider the impact of West Horndon Village, the A128 and all the needs of the community, e.g. schools, shops, doctors, public transport, all of which are not currently sufficient to support any significant increases in population

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

Comments

Education, healthcare, transport (public and roadways), green open spaces and community facilities.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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