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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?

Yes  No

I am unsure

**Comments**

I do appreciate that some growth in the borough is entirely necessary however there seems a disproportionate quantity in the Mountnessing area. The small population would be doubled, with significant consequences. The areas along the 127 seems more open and therefore more appropriate for development.



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

Yes  No

I am unsure

**Comments**

Partly, I do not feel that high density housing is appropriate in a semi-rural location.



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

Yes  No

**Comments**

The proposed site that is on Ingatestone Nursery is green belt land. The piece of land has no safe access onto the slip road and the infrastructure of Mountnessing/Ingatestone is insufficient to cope with the huge change in population. Lessons should be learnt from Hare Bridge Crescent which is an ill-planned housing development. Crammed housing with no parking has impacted upon surrounding areas – traffic, noise, cars parked inappropriately etc! It seems unfair that one housing development has just taken place and another is planned so close together.



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**

The Dunton site seems the preferred option.

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

**Comments**  
The A12 is an exceptionally busy road with traffic throughout the night. Development along this corridor will result in joining villages and town together to make one huge urban development.

? 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**  
Green belt land was designed as a buffer against conurbations and this should still apply.

? 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 there is safe access to the highway network that does not put the lives of current residents at risk then small sites would enable future employment needs.

? 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**

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

**Comments**  
I live in an open area but that will change with development!

? 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 (not from A12)	1	2	3	4	5
Other – please specify: Space around us .....	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 NA	1	2	3	4
Other – please specify: ...footpaths.....	1	2	3	4



Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider? Yes  No

**Comments**

Ingatestone Nursery development is not well planned. The two village schools are small. There is only one GP surgery in Ingatestone. Flooding occurs regularly.



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

**Comments**

From a housing perspective it would be more advantageous to create a complete small 'village' as in the Dunton proposed site where a school and GP surgeries could be planned. Park space and road structures could also be considered.

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

Please ensure that you return comments to the Council by 5pm on Tuesday 17 February 2015 (see page 1 for details)