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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



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

Yes

No

Comments



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

Yes

No

Comments

For existing villages, sites should not be considered unless there is a clear local need. For Blackmore village, there was strong local opposition to a recent proposal for development. Political targets should not be the main consideration.



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 Garden Suburb is the best location for growth. The location has very good access to the transport network and there is sufficient space available for infrastructure and housing development.



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

Yes

No

Comments

This area is where local need for housing is likely to be the highest so brownfield land in this area should be prioritised for development in this corridor.



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

Only brownfield sites should be used if any development has to take place within the Green Belt. The attractive nature of the Brentwood area would be damaged if Greenfield sites on the edges of villages within the Green Belt were released for development. Apart from the nature of the villages being spoilt irreversibly, any housing development on Greenfield sites on the edges of villages would put demands on very limited infrastructure in villages. In addition, wildlife would be adversely affected if Greenfield sites were released for development since habitats would be destroyed.



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

I do agree that the most sustainable approach is to allocate sites close to the strategic highway network



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, it is important that Brentwood develops its town centre and has a variety of shops and businesses in it.



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

Yes 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	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: A strong village community	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



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

Comments

Improved public transport, especially buses.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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