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BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**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

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 "see letter"

The use of greenfield sites in Doddinghurst are unacceptable.

? 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

Dunton Garden Suburb (see letter)

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

Yes  No

**Comments**

possibly some, but not too many houses altogether.

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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**

This should not be built on - on this scale.  
'see letter' NO.

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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**

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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**

No - not really.



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	<del>2</del>	3	④	5
Wildlife Interest	1	2	3	④	5
Historic Interest	1	2	③	4	5
Tranquillity	1	2	3	4	⑤
Other – please specify: .....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	<del>2</del>	③	4
Other – please specify: .....lovely walks.....	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**

**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)



Dear Sir.

As I am not very competent on a computer I have decided to put this in a letter to you rather than complete the form.

It was brought to my attention (and I believe that of most of the people I have spoken to) only on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February via a letter through my door from a concerned neighbour detailing the proposed development of the land at the end of Peartree Lane and Lime Grove (plot 143, Land East of Peartree Lane and North of Peartree Close). Since talking to people about my concerns for this development it appears I have missed the whole "Brentwood Borough Local Plan" somehow, as have many others, and that there are several other areas up for considered development also. I have lived and worked in Doddinghurst for twenty seven years and I come in contact with lots of people living in the village, but until the letter last week it appears no one knew about this. Now whether that is ignorance on our part or bad publicity on the part of Brentwood Borough Council I do not know.

Anyway, I feel I have to express my complete horror at the thought of fifty houses being built at the end of the road in which I live in particular, or that number of houses being built anywhere in the village. People living in Doddinghurst have paid premium prices for their homes in a village location and like me chose to live here to raise their children for its peace and tranquillity, large open fields and the small community feel. To build a large number of houses in any one location would not be in keeping with the surroundings in Doddinghurst and would distract from it being a village. The schools and pre-schools are all but full and have no intentions or desire to expand. The use of buses for secondary schools is changing this year as they have found it harder to cope with the volume of children already here. The car parking outside the shops and the post office are always busy and the doctors surgery is so busy you often have to wait two weeks to see a doctor of your choice. There is an hourly bus service for most of the day but it does not lend itself to get people to and from places of work easily. I believe the Police station in Kelvedon Hatch has been closed and the police service in Brentwood cut to a minimum, in fact I can't tell you the last time I saw a police officer in Doddinghurst even though the crime rate has increased. The Fire Station now only has one fire engine and again the Fire Fighters cut to a minimum. These are the only services for people living here now and any big increase could be detrimental to safety.

With particular reference to plot 143 at the end of Peartree Lane and Lime Grove the roads are not wide enough or suitable in any way to take any increase in traffic. I would strongly oppose any such development here or in the village at all on such a massive scale. We must keep Doddinghurst a village. Three or four houses dotted here or there might be acceptable but I do not feel there is anywhere in the village for large numbers of houses to be built.

I understand the need for affordable houses, but I do wonder why 'affordable' seems to mean subsidised housing for rent rather than starter homes for young hard working first time buyers trying to get on the property ladder.

I feel the type and size of developments proposed should be placed in an area with easier access to main roads, train stations, shops and places for work rather than a village location. Having looked on line I feel there may be some scope for development on the A12 but probably the best option in my opinion for a development of such a size would be the A127, the Dunton Garden Suburb. Here it could be purposely built to form its own community without having any adverse effect on any existing neighbourhoods. Certainly there is no area suitable for development in Doddinghurst. Please keep the villages as villages.

