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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

The A127 corridor is unfairly targetted, and there would be too much strain on this side of the Borough. You would change the landscape of the villages too much.



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

Yes No

Comments

Brownfield should be considered in all cases. Greenfield should not be considered. Brentwood Council should put a case forward to save our greenbelt. You should be saying that we cant provide the number of houses required as we don't have the space, instead of blindly following this directive to the detriment of the residents of Brentwood



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

Yes No

Comments

The west of Brentwood seem to be getting a raw deal, with large areas pinpointed for areas surrounding Ingrave, Herongate and Hutton. Given there is also a proposal for a huge number of houses at West Horndon and Dunton Garden Suburb. The infrastructure is not appropriate to cope. There is the A128 which is very busy at the moment, so the extra traffic generated would add to the volume of traffic already travelling through the villages.



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 There is no better option. You are asking residents to comment on this and of course they will pick the area further away from where they live.



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

Comments

What sites are you referring to? If you mean de-listing Greenbelt, then no.



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 sites are more appropriate. The loss of greenbelt would result in loss of wildlife, places where people can visit freely. It's what makes our town unique and not just part of an urban sprawl.



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

The highways can't cope at the moment

? 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

Out of town developments are losing popularity. We need to preserve our town centres, retain its character, which would encourage people to visit and spend money.

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

Comments

No, We are surrounded by Greenbelt

? 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- x
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use	1	2	3	4 - x	5
Wildlife Interest	1	2	3	4	5 - x
Historic Interest	1	2	3	4	5- x
Tranquility	1	2	3	4	5- x
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 - x	4
Commercial / Industrial buildings	1	2- x	3	4
Nature Reserves / Wildlife	1	2	3	4- x
Farmland	1	2	3	4 - x
Woodland	1	2	3 - x	4
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1 - x	2	3	4
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)	1	2 - x	3	4
Leisure / Recreation Facilities	1	2- x	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

Thr road situation has barely been considered except to state widening of the A127. Would that involve encroaching on further green belt? Also it would not be sufficient as the knock on effect would be for people to use other already busy routes around the area such as A128.

Unless you build a bypass, you are going to increase the burden of traffic on the local villages

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

Comments

A bypass. More doctors surgeries, poly clinic.



Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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