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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?

No

Comments

I completely disagree with the need to accommodate more housing in Hutton.

I understand housing has to be accommodated, but it should not be at the expense of reducing the quality of the surrounding area of Hutton.

Hutton is a small village, and people live in Hutton for that very reason. I do not want to be surrounded by a mass housing estate.

Increasing the number of houses will severely reduce the quality of living in Hutton and the surrounding areas.

It will become a very busy place, and a very different place to live. It will not be possible to increase the levels of housing, and add the appropriate supporting infrastructure, and keep Hutton / Shenfield the same.



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

Yes

Comments

There are many issues that have been raised with regards to accommodating additional housing.

If the question is referring to the issues of building on Greenbelt Land, taking away the countryside, not having suitable infrastructure to support the additional housing, then yes I agree with the issues.



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

Comments

As per above, I do not believe we should be building on greenbelt land and taking away the countryside and replacing with mass housing.

We live in Hutton, for the very reason in that it offers a small community whilst living in an open and green area.

It is therefore completely inappropriate that this will be taken away, and we will be living in an overcrowded district.

? 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

I don't believe any of them are best for growth

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

No X

Comments

? 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

There is not a local need to build on either Greenfield or Brownfield sites.

The local community is not asking for and does not want additional housing developments

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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?

No

Comments

There is not an unemployment problem within Hutton or the surrounding areas.



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?

No

Comments



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

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				4	
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use				4	
Wildlife Interest			3		
Historic Interest		2			
Tranquility					5
Living in a peaceful					5

community:					
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? 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		2		
Commercial / Industrial buildings	1			
Nature Reserves / Wildlife			3	
Farmland				4
Woodland				4
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1			
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)		2		
Leisure / Recreation Facilities	1			
Other – please specify: Open spaces				4

? Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider? Yes

Comments

1. Building new housing near my house will devalue my property.
2. It will become a very different place to live, as we will be surrounded by a lot of people and noise, rather living in a peaceful place.
3. People live in Hutton on the basis that it is surrounded by the countryside, and this proposal will take this away

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

Comments

1. Maintaining green areas
2. Schools

3. Transport
4. Health Care

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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