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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

Comments

When considering the three areas proposed for development I feel it is important to look at the transport links.

Development north of Brentwood could increase congestion along the A128 as traffic tries to join with A12, A127 and M25. Public transport links with Brentwood also need to improve to encourage a reduction in traffic and pollution if commuters are travelling by rail to London and beyond.

There are no entries along the stretch of the A12 from Brook Street to the Mountnessing Junction. To enable any development along this stretch, and not add to an already congested Brentwood there may then be a requirement for a new link..

The A127 option will be better for with regard to the access as the A127 leads to the M25. But again those travelling into Brentwood will increase the congestion along the A128.

Each village and area has to be looked at individually taking into consideration the school places available, facilities in health centres and transport links. If new larger site focused near the A127 is constructed then new support services need to be included in the planning and constructed alongside housing.



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

Yes

Each area has issues regarding transport links and provision of support services. A new larger development could be managed and include new support services and transport links.



Q3: Do you have any comments on the appropriateness of particular sites? Yes No

The A12 site incorporates a large area of green belt land and linking these areas would involve the construction of new roads.

By developing a new site close to the A127 it can be started 'from scratch' with new facilities

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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?

The Dunton Garden Suburb looks to be the best situated but will require investment in transport links, schools and health centres.

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

No

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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)?

No

Green Belt land should be protected from development.

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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

With better links to London and beyond via Crossrail I feel that development close to the strategic highway network should be considered. By linking a new development to a good bus service servicing the stations would possibly reduce the need for increase in car park spaces.

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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

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

The Thriftwood development has the advantage of being surrounded by trees and is an example of a development working with the environment. Over the past two years the pond at the back of the estate has been cared for and several species of newt are thriving.

? 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					<u>5</u>
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use					<u>5</u>
Wildlife Interest					<u>5</u>
Historic Interest			<u>3</u>		
Tranquility					<u>5</u>
Other – please specify:					

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

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

The main infrastructure issues have been considered within this document and should be given great importance to any development.

An area that has not been included is energy requirements and reduction in pollution due to an increase to car numbers. Good local public transport links are very important to reduce car usage.

The use of solar energy could also reduce energy requirements. An idea used in France for the production of solar energy is in Solar car parks. Shelter for cars is provided by the construction of solar car ports. These could also be linked to the provision of car charging point for electric cars.



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

Priority should be given to Education (the building of schools), Health in the form of health centres and surgeries, and improvement to Transport ie reviewing roads and the impact of an increase in traffic, and public transport provision

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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