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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



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

Yes

Yes I do



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

To use existing infrastructure adapted for the increase makes far more sense than to force an increase on villages and green belt that struggle with roads and transport, schhols and communications as it is.



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 single project and creation of an integrated new-build community seems more logical than a scatter-gun of developments that appears far more disruptive and troublesome.

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

Where it expands recent developments such as the old Warley Hospital complex, such that the Borough retains old and new and the character of the Green Belt

? 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)?

Development of Brownfield sites is preferable, where possible.

? 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

Yes, transport links and ease of communications are paramount

? 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

Not necessarily, does that mean even more bar and restaurant chains in the High St..? The balance is quite poor.



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

No

A strangely put question! It's a tightly regulated village are you referring to using open space for development.



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

etc.)				
Leisure / Recreation Facilities		2		
Other – please specify:	1	2	3	4

? Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider? No

The inclusion of villages for a large scale requirement seems illogical. My village seems to accommodate, just, it's present requirements. Transport is very poor, so why make it worse?

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

You have an opportunity to build a new community, the knock-on benefits are to improve the road and transport links along the A127 and/or the A12

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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