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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

The A12 corridor and A127 corridor may be sensible choices. North of the Borough is unsuitable because of its collection of villages and landscape and the lack of transport facilities.



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

Yes

North of the Borough brownfield/greenbelt should not be available. We see examples of land owners misusing their land in order to develop it. Our villages should not be open to such misuse. Infrastructure within the villages is poor, with many services not having been renewed for years, if at all, such as sewerage and water pipes, narrow and poorly maintained roads, inferior telecommunications. Our current doctor, schools, car parks, would not be able support more residents.



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

Plots 143, 224, 196, 185, 070 are greenfield sites. Making these sites available would erode greenbelt and open the way for further mis-use. To build on these plots would remove the natural beauty of our villages, which would be lost. What remains would just be urban sprawl with an inferior infrastructure.

Additionally, as with Plot 143, access would be via minor residential roads, Peartree Lane and Lime Grove, which are too narrow to easily accommodate large vehicles carrying building equipment.

The large number of additional residents and their children and cars would also adversely impact on our roads, schools, doctors and general services, increasing traffic flow in and around the village.



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?

Dunton.



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



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

We must protect our green belt and not allow it to be exploited by greedy developers or speculators. To erode Green Belt is the death knell for our villages and our beautiful countryside.



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

Comments

? 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 x

Comments

Our town centre, has been run down due to the number of eating places and charity shops. We should encourage small traders and support them by reducing car parking costs.

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

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	1	2	3	X	5
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use	1	2	3	X	5
Wildlife Interest	1	2	3	X	5
Historic Interest	1	2	X	4	5
Tranquility	1	2	3	X	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	1	2	X	4
Commercial / Industrial buildings	1	X	3	4
Nature Reserves / Wildlife	1	2	X	4
Farmland	1	2	X	4
Woodland	1	2	X	4
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	X	2	3	4
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)	1	X	3	4
Leisure / Recreation Facilities	1	2	3	4
Other – please specify:	1	X	3	4

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

Comments

There are many important issues:
 Schools – intake for our two schools is large, and so are classroom numbers;
 Doctor - it currently takes a week to obtain an appointment;
 Roads - poorly maintained, with many potholes and crumbling at edges; narrow;
 Telecommunications – old wiring causing faults on lines and bad connections’ intermittent broadband with low mbps;
 Water, sewerage and electrical grids also need discussing.
 Living in the countryside has responsibility. We need to be sensible to our environment and keep our green spaces clean, natural and enjoyable.

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

Comments

This depends on so many factors.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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