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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

In principle, yes.



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

Yes No

Comments

It is how they are managed which requires careful and sensitive handling. Whilst a very few affordable houses (max x10, 2 bed houses/flats) would benefit Blackmore permitting young people a step on the property ladder and older residents to downsize thus able to stay in the village, this may prove uneconomic for the developers. Large scale development would conversely impair the rural balance in Blackmore.



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

Comments

The historical relevance of Blackmore is clear given it celebrated the founding 900 years ago of the Priory church of St Laurence in 2014 and the village is believed to have had connections with Henry VIII. Blackmore thrives upon a close community spirit. Additional housing proposed well in excess of 100 homes, would potentially dilute this, remove agricultural and grazing lands close to the village centre and make the village less attractive for tourists.



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

Dunton and West horndon.



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

Yes No

Comments

Sites on edge of urban areas are protected and should remain so, only released subject to full capacity of local roads, rail and other transport e.g. A12 which is already congested much of the time and accidents are a regular occurrence.



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

The green belt should be preserved. If there is a real requirement for housing growth areas already close to urban developments or wasteland should be considered as a first priority.



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

Subject again to full and adequate infrastructure and no loss or reduced quality of any of these including road and community services (NHS, Schools and hospitals) for exiting householders.



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

Additional investment in the Brentwood town area is supportable however it has to be carefully managed. Social need versus safe areas to partake in leisure is essential.



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

Yes No

Comments

I do not believe so.



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
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use	1	2	3	4	5
Wildlife Interest	1	2	3	4	5
Historic Interest	1	2	3	4	5
Tranquility	1	2	3	4	5
Other – Equestrian centre	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	4
Commercial / Industrial buildings	1	2	3	4
Nature Reserves / Wildlife	1	2	3	4
Farmland	1	2	3	4
Woodland	1	2	3	4
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1	2	3	4
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)	1	2	3	4
Leisure / Recreation Facilities	1	2	3	4
Other – please specify: Tourists and cycle / rambler clubs visiting Blackmore village	1	2	3	4



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

Comments

Blackmore village has limited infrastructure such as drainage, roads, parking, school (full to capacity, I understand) and other facilities if sizeable population increase occurs leading to additional residential needs.



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

Comments

- Upgrade for facilities such as drainage etc for any additional housing
- Roads/ Parking (including surplus discrete parking for visitors in villages, at rail stations for commuters and for businesses in the Brentwood town centre)
- Medical facilities
- Schools
- Underground telephone lines/ cables

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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