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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](mailto: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](http://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**

I believe that there is a need to develop and grow within the Brentwood area, but this should not be at the expense of green areas where people can go to relax and de-stress from everyday life.



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

Yes  No

**Comments**

I do agree with the issues raised in the planning document, but I believe that the council has to be very clever about the way it develops Brentwood. Brentwood is a great place, but if you develop heavily around the town centre it is going to make it a living hell for people trying to drive around town, with a lot more congestion, noise and air pollution and a reduction in living standards.



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

**Comments**

The area that Hopefield Sanctuary is situated on should not be developed for land, as this place is home to over 300 sick, neglected and abused animals. If this site was developed then these animals would have to move or be out done. Plus, isn't it nice to be able to visit green areas.



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 believe that development should be moved away from Brentwood to allow Brentwood to "breathe", such as Kelvedon Hatch. Residents living in these outward areas would be able to work and travel to Brentwood, but not provide extra traffic.

I appreciate that there is a national policy regarding travellers and gypsies, but why are we providing sites for them when they do not pay tax towards the economy. It seems very strange to me as they are being given a place to live for free.



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

Yes  No

### Comments

I believe that more efficient use could be made of the current space and that releasing sites on the edge of urban areas is not the way forward. Green belt land and urban areas are vital for the well being of Brentwood residents. If these areas are developed with extra housing and businesses, this will generate more traffic and cause extra traffic issues.



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)?

Yes  No

### Comments

I believe that it sets a very bad precedent to develop areas within the green belt. Isn't the whole point of green belt land to provide green open spaces for Brentwood residents to enjoy? It is also home to places like Hopefield Animal Sanctuary which provide an irreplaceable service to sick, neglected and abused animals. Without places like this, then these animals will be sent to other places or put down. Hopefield Animal Sanctuary provides a great place for families to visit, and helps build the community. It also provides a rest from the concrete sprawl of the town and a place to relax. The land that Hopefield exists on should not be used for housing development.

We don't want to look at Brentwood in the future and just see concrete.

? 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**

I greatly believe that you could develop existing areas more efficiently and provide employment opportunities through those 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? Yes  No

**Comments**

I am a great believer that if promote a town first approach then this will mean that the high street will get even busier, which will affect the quality of life for Brentwood residents. Out of town opportunities should be explored without destroying green belt land and open spaces

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

**Comments**

Yes I believe there is. Better use of spaces would help.

? 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: .....					

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

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

**Comments**

Are the extra houses really required from a town that is already very busy, and congested the vast majority of the time. Extra houses are only going to make this worse.

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

**Comments**

The priorities for infrastructure spending is to make more efficient use of the roads and traffic lights. This could be as simple as making some car parks better, but I believe that Brentwood council could be more efficient. I

think great priority should also be given to developing, maintaining and saving green and open spaces. If there are no green and open spaces then Brentwood residents will suffer with ill health, and no where to relax.

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire**

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