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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.

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Q1: Do you agree with the broad areas, for the purpose of considering approaches to growth?

Yes

Comments

Yes, however it should be noted that these are to aid identification. As site specific matters are of greater relevance, for example 018 Thoby Priory, whilst located in the Northern are is more closely associated with Mountnessing.

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

Yes,

Comments

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

Comments

018 Thoby Priory

This site is particularly suitable for housing development.

The site is suitable for development being located close to Mountnessing. Proposals are also in place to connect the site with Mountnessing via a foot/cycle path.

The site is available and proposals are currently being developed in consultation with the local community and council officers to put in place a significant housing development.

The site is achievable and work has been carried out to assess the extent and influence of the scheduled ancient monument on site together with the required environmental improvement, including decontamination on the site.

The development of this site would directly result in a number of benefits. The site accommodates the Thoby Priory scheduled ancient

monument. This is currently “at risk” and the development of this land would allow for a much enhanced setting and significant works of repair to be carried out. The proposals for the site include significant cleanup of existing wildlife habitat. Existing contaminated ponds would be decontaminated and a new and enhanced environmental park could be provided.

The development would remove existing industrial traffic from the local highway network which would be a significant benefit.

The development would also provide for new housing of a high-quality compatible design, in place of the current unrestricted storage/industrial uses which have established themselves over a number of years.

095B The Water meadows Mountnessing

This site is well related to the existing settlement of Mountnessing. It is bounded by existing residential development and the A12 and B1002 Roman Road. This location is ideal to meet the needs of Mountnessing with minimum impact on views across the green belt as these are already affected by built development. The location is a natural infill within the village which would not lead to coalescence with Ingatestone.



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



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

Comments

Yes where these are appropriate, together with previously developed land within the green belt, where suitable opportunities arise.

? 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

Preference should be given to previously developed sites with appropriate edge of village/infill sites where appropriate.

? 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

N/C

? 8: 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

N/C

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

Yes No

Comments

N/C

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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 – please specify:	1	2	3	4	5

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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	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:	1	2	3	4

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

Comments

N/C

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

Comments

N/C

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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