

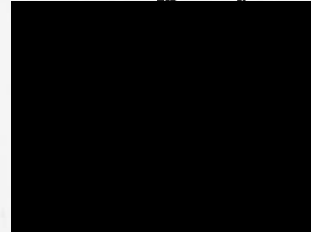
HUTTON PRESERVATION SOCIETY

BRENTWOOD
13 FEB 2015
received

Planning Secretary - Mrs Mary Kenyon
and Chairman

Brentwood Borough Council
Town Hall, Ingrave Road
Brentwood CM15 8AY

(retired 2014)



Strategic Growth Options Consultation

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Policy Team

Because of my very long association with Hutton Preservation Society I have been asked by its secretary (there is no chairman at present) to give our views on this subject.

As long-time members of CPRE & the Metropolitan Green Belt we have fought strenuously over the years to keep this area of Hutton, with its conservation village, without undue building. We do recognise, however, the difficulties the Borough is under, we really have considered the matter impartially.

If Brentwood & Basildon can come to proper agreement, of the three difficult categories this Society feels that of the Dunton Garden Suburb must be the best. It presents so much the better facilities, despite the sad reduction in the Green Belt. There would be opportunity for a sustainable community in our area we cannot see this happening without drastic change.

What prospect has ECC for upgrading the A129, say in the next decade? At times it is impossibly overcrowded, flooded in this area in three places, & a source of ^{several} yearly accidents. It cannot support heavy construction lorries, & nor can the surrounding country lanes, which are already suffering hugely? A dual carriageway?

Much of the suggested farmland has received from DEFRA considerable tax payer money in the form of single Farm Payments. This would be a substantial consideration. It is by no means a near-born field site.

Like, sadly, much of the borough, we have many historical associations. Roman coins, Saxon brooches, Tudor brick kilns, & so on are all found ^{around} the Church Lane, a very early settlement. It is a constant joy to its many walkers as this

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Society has frequently been told it has poor communal facilities however; no C.P.S., no immediate State schools, no late-^{evening} buses; no easy train service. Transport would need total revision (in this of course I refer only to the ^{Andover} ^{preservation} ^{area} ^{the} ^{then} ^{too}, this Committee felt, would apply to the scattered & scenic villages of your third option, the most difficult & complex of them all.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to take part in the Consultation. We have always been grateful to the Council for helping us to uphold the Green Belt over the years.

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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.

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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 No

Comments

In a difficult situation they are the best choice

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

Yes No

Comments

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

Comments

Lady ECC will have a restricted budget for many years. Can we manage transport difficulties for heavy materials needed for growth without maximum disturbance?

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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

Donator Garden Suburbs

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

Yes No

Comments

I think needs must, but with care & reluctance

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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

Now definitely brownfield sites, even within the GB.

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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

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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

With reservation & common sense



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

Yes No

Comments

We are very fortunate to have open space & it is much used



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: <i>Air quality</i>	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:	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

This seems to me to be an exceedingly comprehensive review of a very complex subject. Most of us dislike change but the population pressures on this area & political influence have forced it on us.

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

Comments

Alas, road structure in my 'corridor' at least, coupled with transport in general - of which Crossrail is going to be a future unknown entity, both good & bad. And health facilities of all kinds are already a problem with and already exploding population.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

Please ensure that you return comments to the Council by 5pm on Tuesday 17 February 2015
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