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Planning Policy Team,
Town Hall,
Ingrave Road,
Brentwood,
Essex.
CM15 8AY

Dear Sir/Madam,

Strategic Growth Options Plan (SGOP)

I am writing to comment on the proposed SGOP for Brentwood.

I have lived in the village of Ingrave for 53 years. During this time I have enjoyed countless walks in the fields and woods to the east of the A128 (NE, E, and SE of the village). I am therefore very dismayed to see that all these areas appear to be under threat as part of the SGOP.

Whilst I am aware of the pressure that Central Government is (wrongly, I believe) putting on Brentwood Council, I strongly urge you to resist any development on this precious Green Belt land, which offers fresh air and quiet recreation for everyone in Ingrave and Herongate. These green areas are also valuable agricultural resources and should be protected under Green Belt legislation. I find it very difficult to believe that there aren't much more suitable places for housing developments in other parts of the County, not to mention large areas of the rest of the Country. England has become far too London- and SE- centred. This is not good in the long-term.

In addition to the above, any development around the two villages would suffer badly from a lack of general amenities (eg transport, schools, doctors, etc.).

Yours faithfully,



Ronald F. Phillipson

Cc Herongate and Ingrave Parish Council
Hon. E. Pickles M.P.