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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

Splitting the borough up into areas does make sense.

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

Yes No

Comments

Living in West Horndon, I use the A127 daily and traffic jams in both directions are a daily occurrence. Further extensive development along this road will only make it worse and more dangerous to users. The A12 Corridor has as much development opportunity as the A127 and has a lot less productive Green Belt land. Further development along the A127 in West Horndon, would mean losing huge swaths of Green Belt.

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

Yes No

Comments Existing underused Industrial site in W. Horndon should be considered for Housing development (Brownfield Site) in preference to any Green belt location in the village. Suggested 500 house development on this site is excessive and would need to be reduced to fit in with existing infrastructure. Limited development in W Horndon could be offset by the Dunton Garden Suburb, as long as sufficient Woodland space is created around the location.

? 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 Excessive development along the A127 would not be good for the area and the A12 Corridor should be re-evaluated. Dunton Garden suburb is preferred to all other sites along the A127. W. Horndon and surrounding area along the A127 is very prone to flooding and further development will only make this worse.

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

Yes No

Comments

Brentwood Borough Council should consider all areas within the borough particularly brownfield sites for future housing development. Planned development of the A12 would make this corridor a prime area for future housing requirements. Existing road and rail links would be better suited to increased commuter numbers.

? 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

Brownfield sites must always be considered for development before Green belt areas. Development on Greenbelt land around W. Hordon would destroy the character and feel of the village. There are small isolated areas around the village which could benefit from development, eg park access, but this needs to be undertaken in a sensitive way.

? 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

Local employment is key to any residential development. If the industrial estate in W. Hordon were to be developed then replacement employment opportunities must be located within the local area. Employees must however be able to get to work via public transport as well as via road.

? 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

Local shops are essential but major shopping locations should be centered within existing larger towns. Good public transport as well as improved road connections have to be developed along with affordable parking facilities to encourage people to shop in town centres.

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

Yes No

Comments

We have a small but under developed park in Cadogan Ave. Access is difficult and needs to be improved, as does the provision of facilities including football pitches, play activities etc.

? 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

? 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

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

Comments Huge increase in development could result in major infrastructure issues.
Wherever development occurs new transport strategies need to be considered and implemented.
Development along the A127 and A12 corridors will put pressure on other roads such as the A128, and this along with other infrastructure issues need further investigation.

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

Comments Significant upgrade to A127, ~~and~~ A12 and A128 roads.
Major spending/development of schools, hospitals, recreational facilities, public transport, community facilities and public access to green space.
Once major development areas have been agreed, work to upgrade/improve infrastructure needs to be undertaken in a sustainable manner.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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