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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 ✓

Comments



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

Yes ✓

Comments



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

Comments

The transport infrastructure in the A12 Corridor is existing and ideal for growth. Any development in the North of the Borough will need major and costly infrastructure provision.



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

The Dunton Village option seems the logical way forward rather than many separate incursions on to existing Green Belt land. A multitude of smaller applications could lead to a similar multitude of hearings and costly / time consuming appeals.



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

Yes ✓

Comments

As shown by the Warley Hospital, Highwood Hospital and St Charles development of brownfield sites around the existing urban areas works well.



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

Only if there is no impact on the existing residents quality of life and the environment as stated in one of your five overarching themes. Hardly likely as major infrastructure development would be required.



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 ✓

Comments

There are few employment opportunities in the villages north of the Borough and there is little chance of any being provided. Distributing developments around villages in this area would only lead to increased traffic on already busy rural roads.

? 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
 Difficult whilst the ‘Towie’ culture exists. Less boutiques and restaurants with more genuine retail outlets required.

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

Comments
 Your proposals equate to less open space provision around the villages. We need to at least retain what we have.

? 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				4	
Wildlife Interest					5
Historic Interest				4	
Tranquility				4	
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			3	

Commercial / Industrial buildings		2		
Nature Reserves / Wildlife			3	
Farmland				4
Woodland			3	
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land	1			
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.)		2		
Leisure / Recreation Facilities			3	
Other – please specify:				

? Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider? Yes ✓

Comments
 In Blackmore, for example, the nearest doctors is over 2 miles away with no roadside footpath. The small school is full. The centre of the village is a Conservation Area. There are no cycleways. Most villages will have similar issues making sizeable extensions to any village difficult and less attractive when other options exist.

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

Comments
 The most cost effective must be to extend existing infrastructure. Development around the A12 / A127 could make use of the existing A road network. Provision of housing close to the rail network (including the new Crossrail link) would make best use transport links to London, Chelmsford and other employment hubs.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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