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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



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

Yes No

Comments



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

Comments

Comments in support of Site Ref 178

Land at Priests Lane (East) adjacent Bishop Walk, Shenfield, Brentwood, SHLAA Ref G025.

- The site is located within an existing residential area between Shenfield and Brentwood.
- It is not Green Belt and was previously allocated to the London Orbital road.
- It is currently unused and overgrown with scrub and outbuildings.
- The land is in private ownership. It is not open to the public.
- It is not overlooked by residential properties and cannot be seen by passing traffic. It provides no contribution to the amenities of the area.
- Access to the site is directly from an adopted road via a private gateway.
- Subject to planning, 0.9 ha would be available for future housing development.
- No major infrastructure improvements would be required.
- This is a sustainable location for housing, being close to both Shenfield and Brentwood town centres, shops, railways, bus routes, primary schools, secondary schools, surgeries etc.
- Allowing development would make best use of the available land within Brentwood and Shenfield without eroding the Green Belt on the outskirts.
- The area is characterised by large private gardens and this site is also adjacent to large areas of playing fields on three sides, so there is no shortage of open space in the locality.
- This falls outside of the area prioritised by Brentwood Borough Council for the provision of Amenity Green Space.
- The site could also open up access to further identified land and opportunities in the area.



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

None of the sites along the A 127 would be possible without major expenditure and forward planning on infrastructure. Communities need to grow organically over a period of time.



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

Yes No

Comments

Development on the edges will only encourage more road congestion and remoteness. Instead, people need schools and facilities within easy reach, schools should be local, elderly care should be local. Local rail, walking and cycling routes would result in sustainable development.



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

This depends on the site.



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

This is based on a presumption of continued expansion of commuting by car & road freight transport and will require major new road improvements. Rail, walking and cycling routes should be encouraged.



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



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

Yes No

Comments



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



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

Comments

Depends on the location.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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