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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

There is too much concentration on the use of green belt to expand.



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

The land identified in Ingrave and Herongate is special countryside and should be preserved. The open spaces are enjoyed by not only residents but visitors to the area for recreation. Areas like these make Brentwood a great place to live. If we build on the green space the town and villages will lose their identity, the adverse impact on the environment and wildlife will be immense. The quality of life for residents will be damaged considerable.



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

West Horndon.



Q5: Should the A12 corridor accommodate growth by releasing sites on the edge of urban areas? No

Yes No

Comments

Only if they do not impinge on green belt and affect the countryside.



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

Villages and the countryside around them need to be preserved, not destroyed. The development of brownfield sites is preferable to greenfield sites.



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

But If there are brownfield sites to develop, yes. Priority should be to extend existing business parks and office blocks wherever possible



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

yes

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

Comments

Priority is to preserve what we have already.

? 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
x

No

Comments

Improving communications – WIFI – and local transport. Crossrail will have its benefits but buses to town and stations from the villages need to improve. Buses and trains to Stansted airport from Brentwood should be considered.



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

Comments

Transport links, investment in schools and improved healthcare provision for the existing infrastructure. Additional housing but not on greenbelt or greenfield sites.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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