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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.

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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

The attached statement presents a critique on the strategic growth options.



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

Yes No

Comments

See attached statement.



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

Yes No

Comments

Land at West Horndon is promoted in the attached statement as a Strategic Growth Option. Land to the east of the settlement, in the control of Countryside Properties, has no overriding environmental, technical or landownership constraints and could be delivered within the first five years of the Plan (see attached statement).



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 attached statement and appendices provide a comparative assessment of land at West Horndon and the Garden Suburb proposals for Dunton. In line with the Sustainability Appraisal carried out by URS on behalf of the Council this concludes that land at West Horndon represents the preferred location for growth in the A127 corridor when considered against key sustainability issues and objectives.



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

Yes No

Comments

The NPPF requires the Council to maintain a five year supply of specific deliverable housing sites on a rolling basis. The Strategic Growth Options document seeks a site for large scale growth however it will also be important to ensure that a sufficient range of smaller sites are allocated in addition to larger development sites. The reason for this is that larger sites can take longer to come forward and once started can only support the delivery of a limited number of dwellings per year. The allocation of a range of smaller sites will help to ensure that this does not pose a threat to the Council's rolling five year land supply.



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

See above and attached statement.



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

The emerging plan is not supported by a robust, up to date evidence base. This is required by national planning guidance to inform the emerging plan.



Q8: In order to ensure that the Town Centre remains economically sustainable, do you agree that a "Town Centre First" approach should be

Yes No

taken to retail development?

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

See attached statement and appendices.

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

Comments

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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