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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?

No ✓

Comments

Sites under consideration should have better services and transport access



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

No ✓

Comments



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

Comments

The Doddinghurst site has in reality, only one access road, Peartree Lane. Lime Grove is too narrow with passing spaces and is entirely unsuitable for construction traffic. Let alone the possible 400 cars per day using the roads (2 cars per household, school runs, to work and back and leisure). This would also rise if the consideration that people will drive to access the stations of Shenfield and Brentwood and then return.

This would put all the onus on Peartree lane as not only the site road but also the access road. Even if you ignore our protestations and build, there needs to be access through Park Meadow as well.

There are a large number of disabled and elderly people within Peartree Lane and surrounding roads and with the few that continually park on the pavements at the moment will increase with the increase in traffic and this access for wheelchair users needs to be addressed.

The other issue is also 50 houses/dwellings in such a space is far too dense, with the access issues, 20 houses may be acceptable as a maximum, but only with access through Park Meadow which exits onto a quieter access road (Petits Lane) rather than the busy Doddinghurst Road.

With reference to site access, Peartree Lane would have to be policed daily to prevent the site lorries mounting the pavement and also speeding down the road (observed recently with site lorries accessing the Lime Grove roadworks currently in progress).

? 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

Either the south of the A12 corridor with better A127 access between Brentwood and the A127. This would have added benefits to ease traffic congestion around Ingrave and Warley. Or the A127 . West Horndon site.

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

Comments

A better use of the local government resources to reduce congestion for a greater number of people

? 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

Whichever has the least impact on residents and has the better access for traffic.



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

This would not be met in the Doddinghurst site as the restricted access to Brentwood itself is quite a serious issue for several months of the year with a winding lane that has numerous accidents at this time of year.



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 ✓

Comments

Better access to the south of Brentwood would fulfil the the access issues not only for new housing but also allow town centre growth and encourage visitors from the larger conurbations to the south of Brentwood.



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

Yes ✓

Comments

Closer to the Ongar and Brentwood road, Kelvedon Hatch and Pilgrims Hatch

? 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:Children.....	1	2	3	4

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

No ✓

Comments

A transport infrastructure that enables 2 or 3 cars per household as young people do not use public transport and most of the elderly are usually driven from the village.



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

Comments

Small artisan industrial sites to encourage small businesses and low volume manufacturing.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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