



**BRENTWOOD
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Local Plan 2015-2030
Preferred Options
July 2013
COMMENT FORM**

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POLICY S1 SPATIAL STRATEGY

Please specify if you Support or Object (tick as appropriate):

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Comments (please use additional sheet if required):

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All responses should be received by Wednesday 2nd October 2013

Spatial Strategy

Covered by other objections regarding the green belt, West Horndon and overall housing numbers. Policy S1 as it is proposed is too restrictive and does not allow for growth throughout the borough. The policy is also contradictory as it talks about fostering sustainable communities and in the next sentence states it will focus the majority of new development in Brentwood, Shenfield and West Horndon.

Within the Spatial Strategy chapter the Council mention flexibility, this is one word that cannot be used to describe the current proposals in the Preferred Options. Policies contained within the chapter specifically lack flexibility, they are written to justify nearly all development within the borough into three areas.

The Spatial Strategy as written raises the question; Have the Council considered whether so many people actually want to live and work in West Horndon ? Local residents have stated their opposition to the proposal. Local residents have also stated that the train service is overcrowded and that the bus service is inadequate, many feel remote from Brentwood due to the poor infrastructure. The siting of so much development in particular at West Horndon does not meet the general requirements of the Council's proposed Spatial Strategy. There are villages and sites throughout the borough that are capable of development in a sustainable location that will not require a complete overhaul of the infrastructure.

Placing development throughout the borough will require the loss of some green belt land but this is inevitable as the borough lies within the green belt, however, by doing this it will allow flexibility and properly serve the existing and new residents of the borough.