



BRENTWOOD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Local Plan 2015-2030
Preferred Options
July 2013
COMMENT FORM

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YOUR COMMENTS

Please indicate which section(s) of the Local Plan you are commenting on (please clearly state the Policy reference or paragraph number):

Paragraph 1.12 CONSULTATION

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

Consultation

The Council, throughout the Preferred Options Plan, refer to the priorities of local residents. The number one priority of the residents, according to the Council, is the protection of the green belt which means no development outside a few selected villages and the town of Brentwood. The idea that residents don't want development near/next to them does not come as a huge surprise. In paragraph 1.12 the Council mention that they undertook a comprehensive neighbourhood consultation. The consultation sought views on priorities for the Local Plan, neighbourhoods, housing numbers and potential sites. Consultation on potential housing sites (SHLAA areas) formed part of the process.

Reading the Preferred Options it would appear significant weight has been placed on the responses received to the consultations. Based on the Council's figures of, more than 3000 people responded to the consultation with around 1000 people taking part in the consultation events – this equates, again based on the Council's figures of 74,000 residents of the borough in 2011, to around 4% of residents responded to the consultation and under 1.5% took part in the consultation events. Whilst the split between those over 18 and those below is not exactly known, it is still a very low percentage of the borough who have been involved in shaping the Preferred Options. The Council cannot be faulted for the low turnout however it does cast doubt over the accuracy of the findings and whether significant weight should be attributed to the results.