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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:

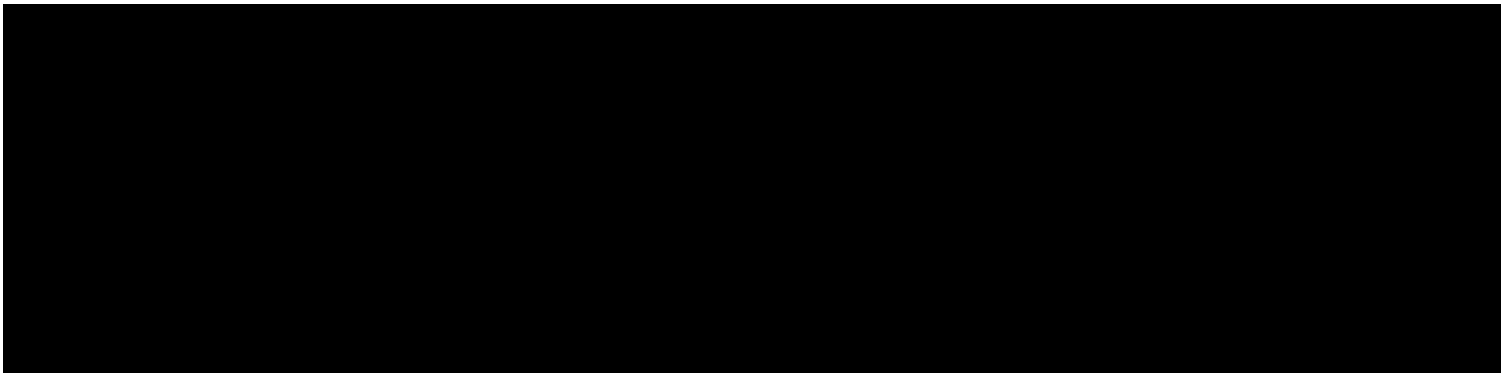
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Comments need to be received by 5pm on Tuesday 17 February 2015

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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

Yes but not at the detriment to the Village environments which have proved to be a positive factor for the house holders to enjoy with benefits both in prosperity and in terms of psychologically wellbeing.



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

Yes No

Comments

No

The issues have to be revisited as there are clear inconsistencies



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

Yes No

Comments

Sites 074, 075, 168, 182, 201, 204,194, 217 The proposals are inappropriate when you consider them in the context of trying to maintain the rural nature of the "VILLAGE of Kelvedon Hatch". It is essential that green spaces and preferably active smallholdings and pastures are allowed to survive and be encouraged for the personal development of the next generation and future villagers.

The numbering of the areas to the North of School road is not clear due to the positioning of the area name. This road becomes extremely busy during school times and the probability of the two car family scenario in new homes will create a further strain on what can only be described as already very busy access routes and would further exacerbate the existing problem which has not been resolved. An in depth infrastructure suitability study is required.

Inadequate Infrastructure availability seems to be overlooked in the considerations so far and the adverse effects which will without doubt have

significant impact upon all existing house holders.

Not least the Foul and Surface Water drainage, water and gas supplies. The Doctors Surgery and Schooling facilities are already strained and traffic flows in the feeder roadways to sites will be dangerous , and unpleasant for all concerned.

The open farm land and grazing “scrub” areas are part of the sites pleasing aesthetics and charisma and it is plainly ridiculous for them to be condemned. In particular sites 201 and 204 and next to School road frequently have herds of deer ensconced upon them. If these two sites alone were given the go ahead for development the village of Kelvedon Hatch would be doubled in size. The infrastructure is not capable of supporting this size of growth as it is currently at capacity nor is there potential to increase the existing infrastructure to meet prospective demand. Leaving the requirement for inhabitants to travel to school via motor vehicle creating a greater environmental burden. Not a very satisfactory outcome.

With regards to site 217 this is a well used dog walking area and would be overcrowded and significant traffic calming would be required to deal with the increased traffic flows on the A128 Ongar road and Blackmore road an already very busy junction.

I would like to draw attention to this article also

http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/general/news/stories/2015/Jan15/290115/290115_1

? 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? Yes

Comments

Yes

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

Comments

Yes

? 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)? Yes

Comments

It is appropriate to utilise brownfield sites where the development is not impinging on the surrounding areas by the proposals put forward and effectively overcrowding an otherwise green “Village” environment.
The use of Greenfield sites will naturally have impact on Infrastructure as do all developments but this aspect can be integrated into the new Greenfield design proposals and have a lower impact on the existing population of a balanced village community.
It is without doubt that proposals in whatever form they are presented will inevitably stress the village occupiers who are affected and the measure of this stress should be taken into account when imposing the will of others onto the final decision.
It is simply not democratic to effectively ruin the village environment and its occupants wellbeing with unacceptable proposals to satisfy politically driven targets. The authority serving the people should man-up to resist and stamp out suggestions of unsatisfactory and unachievable objectives.

? 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

Yes

? 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

Only if it makes commercial sense at the present time the high level of Brentwood Business rates are extremely detrimental to any business proposition and can be clearly seen to be driving out existing established firms.



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

Yes



Comments

No



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:					
...Environmental ACCEPTABILITY.....	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?
 Yes

Comments

No

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

Comments

Appraisal required not an arbitrary consideration.

This question is ill-conceived.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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