



**BRENTWOOD
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Local Plan 2015-2030

Preferred Options

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COMMENT FORM

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YOUR COMMENTS

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Support

Object

Comments (please use additional sheet if required):

I have many concerns with the volume of houses and traveller pitches being allocated to West Horndon. I will start off with the unfair allocation to the village. The proposed number of houses and pitches is a disproportionate amount of dwellings to integrate into the existing village community. The scale of the development will swamp the village and it will have a devastating negative impact on every existing amenity West Horndon currently have.

I would welcome a reasonable amount of houses being built on the industrial park. I feel moving some of the industrial park would benefit the village as the freight travelling through West Horndon can be hazardous for pedestrians and the houses along Station Road. If the amount of housing was reduced the new residents could merge into the existing way of the village much more fluidly without having a huge impact on current residents and the current infrastructure.

My main concern is that the infrastructure that has to be put in place to accommodate the 1500 houses. I am filled with no confidence from the report as it says an "Infrastructure Deliver plan is forthcoming" this really isn't good enough – for a proposed development of this size I cant believe no infrastructure has been thought of. Here is an idea of what problems are forthcoming - The primary school is already at full capacity / there is a 3 day wait at the doctors surgery / C2C have confirmed that they do not have the capacity to put more carriages on to the trains / there is no right turn out of Thorndon Ave onto the A127/ our train line goes straight out of the borough therefore residents would not be supporting the Boroughs amenities ie shops etc / West Horndon is a flood risk being flooded in 1958, 1981 and 2012, the surrounding fields hold water to stop the village flooding.

My questions to BBC are:-

- How will the A127 cope with potentially 4,500 more cars (1,500 dwellings with approximately 3 cars per house)? Especially with no right turn on to the A127 from Thorndon Ave.
- Who will want to buy a house that is at flood risk?
- How will the A128 going through Ingrave and Herongate cope with the volumes of traffic travelling into Brentwood?
- No family will buy a house that can not get their children into a local school – a new school would need to be in place before any houses are sold.
- The land allocated is Metropolitan Green Belt. This is in place to secure the village as it currently stands and should not be built on.
- Why has there not been a fair allocation of houses and traveller pitches across the borough?
- Why should West Horndon take the huge impact of development when the rest of Brentwood does not have its fair share?
- Why does BBC think that West Horndon Station is an attractive asset to future residence when Cross rail is being put in place at Shenfield Station and West Horndon will not be able to cope with another potential 4000 commuters? There are other train stations in Brentwood where this number could be much evenly distributed.
- What benefits will there be for the village and current residents that have chosen to live in a village location? Our house prices will go down, we will lose our village atmosphere, we will struggle with the increased demands on our water supplies, wastewater, energy, telecommunications, utilities, waste, health, social care, education and flood risk.
- How will West Horndon be appealing to potential buyers with an allocation of Traveller pitches within the parish?
- How will such a high allocation of dwellings support Brentwood's amenities when West Horndon is closer to London Borough of Havering (Upminster)? Houses need to be closer to Brentwood's amenities to be able to support them.

Local Planning Authorities have not assessed the quality and capacity of infrastructure to meet forecast demands. On paper West Horndon seems like a great place to develop this amount of houses but in reality it is nothing but a total 'car crash' for not only the residents and businesses in West Horndon but to the Borough itself.

Please return to Planning Policy Team, Brentwood Borough Council, Town Hall, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AY, or alternatively attach completed form and email planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk

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All responses should be received by Wednesday 2nd October 2013