# LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN NEWSLETTER March 2016



Regular updates on preparation of Brentwood's new Local Development Plan and other related documents. This issue provides details of how responses to the recent Draft Local Plan consultation will be taken into account.

# BRENTWOOD DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

#### Consultation

Draft Local Plan consultation has now closed. Public consultation lasted for six weeks until 23 March 2016. We have received comments from over 1,000 people. Many have made several comments and so the total number of representations will be much higher.

Nine public drop-in information events were also held across the Borough. Staff were on-hand to answer questions and material available to explain issues, proposals and process. Over 500 people attended events.

The Council would like to thank all those who took time to share their views. Comments are now being processed and will soon be published online using our **Consultation**Portal. All comments will be thoroughly considered and inform next stages.

# **FAQs**

Answers to **frequently asked questions** on the Draft Plan, planning process and other related issues can be found online.

#### **Partners**

We will continue to work with various partners including Essex County Council as highways and education authority, neighbouring local authorities, and other organisations such as the NHS, Highways England, and the Environment Agency.

#### **Sites**

We will take into account all views submitted regarding proposed development sites. Scheme viability will be considered and alternative sites assessed.

Proposed sites with the most comments appear to be land at Honeypot Lane (022) and Priests Lane (044 & 178). Concerns raised include infrastructure capacity, such as access and local school & GP capacity. Feedback will be considered in full.

Any new development will need to meet education and health/NHS requirements. Arrangements for future provision of such services will be considered, rather than relying on existing capacity.

# **Next Stages**

A document will be published later in the year summarising the consultation and responses received. This will inform the next stage of consultation before the Plan is submitted to Government to be publically examined by an independent planning inspector.

Further LDP Newsletters will be published on the Council's website and notifications sent to those who have requested to be kept informed. Work is also ongoing on other projects, such as an action plan for Brentwood Town Centre.

To receive newsletters or amend your contact details please email us at **planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk** or phone 01277 312500.

<sup>\*</sup> Comments are being processed, at this stage findings remain draft



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