

Local Development Plan Newsletter

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**BRENTWOOD
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Welcome to the latest Brentwood Local Development Plan Newsletter. This latest issue sets out some initial findings following the recent Strategic Growth Options consultation.

Strategic Growth Options Consultation

The Strategic Growth Options consultation was produced as part of the process to prepare a new Local Plan for the Borough. This followed a number of changes since we last consulted in 2013. The consultation ended on 17th February.

So far we have processed 3,167 comments from 423 respondents. However, we are still early on in this process and have comments from at least another 300 respondents to process.

Initial Consultation Findings

Initial findings from the consultation were presented at the meeting of Ordinary Council on 24th March 2015 (available to view at www.brentwood.gov.uk/localplan).

The findings summarised some of the comments and statistics so far. We are now working hard to finish processing the remaining comments.

The graph shows the amount of comments received to each question so far, and the key themes. The largest amount of comments were received regarding particular sites.

What did our neighbours say?

Comments were received from neighbouring local planning authorities as well as Essex County Council and Greater London Authority. Among other things, the following issues were raised:

- Support full housing need being accommodated within Brentwood Borough.
- Comments regarding focusing growth along the A12 and A127 corridors.
- Some support for new employment land close to the strategic highway network.
- Points raised regarding plan-making process and how this consultation fits in.
- A full range of evidence needs to accompany future stages of Plan consultation, particularly by the time the Plan is submitted.
- Further discussion needed with adjoining authorities regarding sites and cross-boundary issues.



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What did the Parish Councils say?

Responses were received from seven Parish Councils: Doddinghurst, Herongate & Ingrave, Kelvedon Hatch, Mountnessing, Ingatestone & Fryerning, Stondon Massey, and West Horndon. Some common themes are emerging:

- A number of site specific comments, which discuss suitability.
- Infrastructure concerns were raised, particularly concerning congestion and public transport.
- Need to ensure mechanisms for delivery of infrastructure alongside future development.
- Protecting the Green Belt.
- In addition, specific comments regarding Dunton Garden Suburb were also received.

Who else have we consulted?

Statutory consultees and other stakeholders at both local and national levels were consulted. These included English Heritage, Environment Agency, Highways Agency, utility companies, education providers & NHS. Some initial feedback is set out below:

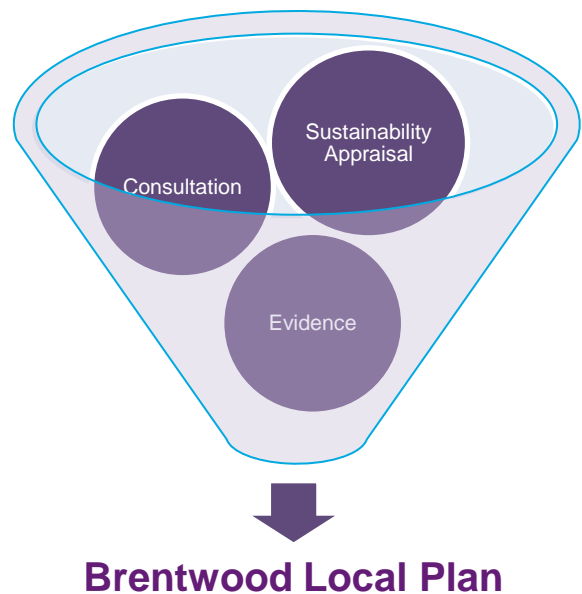
- Comments relating to the plan-making process and ensuring evidence is up to date.
- A number of site specific comments, which discuss suitability according to infrastructure capacity and environmental impact.
- Issues of capacity and service provision, based on options for growth distribution.
- Relevant existing strategies, policies and information were highlighted for the Council to consider.

For some more detail please view the presentation given to Ordinary Council on 24th March 2015 available to view at www.brentwood.gov.uk/localplan

What Happens Next?

The Council is now in the process of inputting and analysing consultation responses. All of the responses will be published online in due course.

Once this has been completed a consultation report will be prepared summarising the main themes arising from the responses received and provide the Council's response. All those who responded to the consultation will be notified and the report will be available on the Council's website. Comments will then inform preparation of a Draft Plan, along with other considerations such as new evidence. The Draft Plan will be available for public comment later in 2015.



Dunton Garden Suburb Consultation

This consultation was undertaken in partnership with Basildon Borough Council, and ended on 16th March. Both councils will work together to analyse responses received. These will be summarised in a consultation report and presented to the respective decision-making committees. A decision will then be made as to whether or not the proposal should be taken any further.

