



**BRENTWOOD
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Development Planning
London Borough of Havering,
Town Hall,
Main Road, Romford,
RM1 3BD

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Our reference: Hav LP 09/17
Your reference:

Dear Development Planning, London Borough of Havering,

Brentwood Borough Council response to the Havering Local Plan – Proposed Submission 2017 (Officer Response).

Brentwood Borough Council welcomes the opportunity to make comment on the above document. These are set out below.

There has been ongoing Duty to Cooperate meetings between Brentwood Borough and London Borough Havering regarding strategic cross boundary issues since 2013. Those cross boundary issues of particular concern have been the allocation of housing sites, location of Gypsy and Traveller sites, impact on the London Metropolitan Green Belt and future development impact on the strategic highways network within the two boroughs and beyond.

The comments have considered our previous responses to the Local Plan consultations and build on the Duty to Cooperate discussions that have taken place between the boroughs over this period.

New Homes

Brentwood Borough note that the Local Plan Submission Draft does not propose to have other boroughs to meet any of the Havering unmet housing or Gypsy and Traveller need. It is also noted that the LB of Havering has sought to identify all sources of potential housing supply and identify sustainable development sites in order to close the gap between the housing target set in the London Plan and its objectively assessed need requirement with two Strategic Development Areas in Romford and in Rainham and Beam Park (both with Housing Zone status).

The proposal approach to meet the identified Gypsy and Traveller need by formalising, and where appropriate, the consideration of limited intensification of the existing occupied sites within the Green Belt is welcomed.

Furthermore, Brentwood welcome the intention to protect and enhance Green Belt within the LB of Havering and to provide continued protection by not proposing release of Green Belt designated land for new housing development of green field sites with the Green Belt.

Transport

Brentwood Borough acknowledge the support for safe and efficient use of the highways and the proposals to avoid or mitigate adverse impacts. Brentwood Borough support the LB Havering proposed active role in the A127 Corridor for Growth project through cross borough engagement with Essex County Council and other Boroughs, seeking improvements to the A127 that will facilitate growth along this corridor; and working with neighbouring authorities to better co-ordinate highway works.

Brentwood Borough is therefore a signatory to the Statement of Common Ground on Strategic Transport Issues (SoCM). This SoCG focusses on the impact cross-boundary growth will have on strategic routes including the A127 and details how the participating authorities will work collaboratively to address the identified issues.

The LB Havering approach to the allocation of new homes, to Gypsy and Traveller pitches does not require that Brentwood Borough to provide any additional allocations which would add to the Brentwood objectively assessed need.

Therefore, Brentwood Borough, whilst acknowledging that LB Havering is not able to meet its full identified need for housing and pitches, do not object to the LB Havering Draft Local Plan 2017.

However, should this request be made in the future it must be acknowledged that as a borough entirely within the London Metropolitan Green Belt, Brentwood Borough is unable to release Green Belt to meet any of this need for other Planning Authorities.

Brentwood Borough Council wish to compliment the LB Havering on the production of a comprehensive document and welcome the ongoing work with the borough on strategic issues.

Yours sincerely

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