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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE



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Dear Blackmore Resident,

I wanted to update you on the progress of the Brentwood Local Development Plan and how recent changes affect the proposed building sites in Blackmore. As you know well over half of responses received as part of the Regulation 19 consultation were from Blackmore residents with the vast majority opposed to the two sites :

- R25 - Land off Woollard Way, Blackmore.
- R26 - Land north of Orchard Piece, Blackmore.

As you may also be aware the Borough Council is required by law to present a LDP that delivers 7,800 new homes across the Borough by 2033.

Because of the strength of feeling in the village, Council Leader Chris Hossack instigated a review with officers and legal officials to see how the impact on the village could be reduced. The Council was advised that the plan could be adjusted to reduce the number of dwellings down to 50 in total. On 11th September, the Council's Policy and Resources Committee met and the administration brought forward proposals to reduce the housing numbers on the 2 Blackmore sites by transferring a proportion of them to the proposed Garden Village scheme at East Horndon.

We have been consistently clear that major changes to the LDP at this stage could warrant attention from central government and jeopardise progress of the plan. Our proposal effectively is to transfer an additional 20 housing units from across the 2 Blackmore sites to the Garden Village site. We were disappointed that on the night, opposition groups did not support this motion for a reduction, which we saw as being a step in the right direction in response to concerns raised during the consultation process.

All changes to the LDP, including those deemed minor, require a consultation. **With this a consultation period is running up to 26th November to receive comments focused only on 5 sites affected** i.e. those 4 sites with a reduction (Blackmore and Shenfield) and the commensurate increase at Site R01 Dunton Hills Garden Village.

I very much want residents to comment on these changes, this can be done in the following ways:

Online - www.brentwood.gov.uk/localplan

Email - planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk

Written - request a comment form by calling our contact centre on **01277 312500**

I hope you will be able to participate in this important consultation. Any reduction in numbers is clearly to be welcomed. I am strongly supportive of residents who want to prevent over-development within the village of Blackmore and I am hopeful that this further reduction to the plan will "shine a light" on the Blackmore sites as part of the inspector's review. As your local ward councillor I will continue to do my utmost to represent your views at every opportunity.

Many thanks,

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