

Rights of Way Improvement Plan **2008**



Foreword

This Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) has been prepared and published with the aim of showing how we are intending to improve our network of public rights of way (footpaths, bridleways and byways) for the benefit their users, be they walkers, cyclists, horse riders and/or those with mobility impairments.

The draft plan has been prepared by consultants working on our behalf and contains a large number of planned actions by the Council and others in the Statement of Actions, together with a proposed programme for delivery of the Core Actions.

Thanks is given to all those that have assisted and participated with the preparation of this document.



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THE VISION

The London Borough of Waltham Forest aims to provide a community fit for all with quality spaces where people want to live, work and visit. It will be a safer, cleaner and healthier borough.

To help meet this vision The Rights Of Way Improvement Plan will outline a commitment to delivering a rights of way network, including cycling and horse-riding, within the borough, that is accessible by all. The core actions will demonstrate how this will be achieved.

The London Borough of Waltham Forest will recognise this strategy and will give greater priority in terms of policy and funding to enable delivery.