

05. General Community Services

GCS General Comments

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	Shenaz	Access Alliance Waltham Forest			
29 /575	Suleman				

Comment

Objection to the lack of 'accessibility dimensions' re: all the services mentioned in the chapter

Further comment 23/07/02

Access for All Guidelines only refer to planning and only in reality to extra-mural facilities and plans.

Waltham Forest council response

This is a detailed matter which is already incorporated into the "Access for All Guidelines".

Change document?

None.

GCS General Comments

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Support	Anthony	Greater London Authority			
76 /929	Hollingsworth				

Comment

This chapter does cross-reference a range of the borough's strategies that have land use and planning implications relating to the provision of community services. It would be helpful if this chapter referred to the boroughs community strategy and the aspects of the UDP that will contribute to its delivery.

Cross-refer to the borough's community strategy/plan and the role of the UDP in implementing aspects of it.

Waltham Forest council response

The Council Strategy is not yet finalised - intention is that the future UDP reviews or LDF for LBWF would fully co-ordinate with the Council Strategy.

Change document?

None.

GCS General Comments

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Support	Mark	London Tourist Board			128
99 /1062	Balaam				

Comment

Support the relevant policies in the chapter, namely GCS 1 to 3, and the supporting paragraphs.

Waltham Forest council response

Change document?

None.

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Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	J.L.	Corporation of London	5.7		131
30 /580	Wisensfeld	Conservators of Epping Forest			

Comment

Site MOS2, on the proposals map needs amending - objector refers to map accompanying planning application for Whipps Cross Hospital

Waltham Forest council response

The Council will scrutinise the above to check whether amendments are necessary.

Change document?

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Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	Anita	Drivers Jonas	5.7		131
54 /773	Young	NHS Executive			

Comment

Object to the omission of the words 'key housing' in the penultimate sentence to read: ... including affordable and 'key worker' housing,...

Redevelopment of Whipps Cross Hospital provides the opportunity for essential workers at the hospital - the plan should acknowledge this .

Waltham Forest council response

The affordable housing policy is to be revised to include reference to intermediate housing which encompasses key worker homes. Any requirement on individual sites will be the subject of negotiation when applications are processed. There is no need to stress the key worker provision on individual sites.

Change document?

None.

GCS 01 Provision of Community Sites and Buildings

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	David	Waltham Forest Civic Society			137
40 /622	Boote				

Comment

Delete at sub para i, all the text except the first few words - THAT THE DEVELOPMENT MEETS CRITERIA - SET OUT ELSEWHERE IN THIS PLAN.

Waltham Forest council response

The wording at sub para i is there to ensure that very careful consideration of 'all' the issues effecting this type of use are taken into account in order to protect the amenity of surrounding residential areas.

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None.

GCS 02 Retention of facilities and creation / improvement of

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	Anita	Drivers Jonas			137
54 /775	Young	NHS Executive			

Comment

The UDP should provide a positive framework to enable implementation of the NHS Plan.

Amend the wording of the policy as follows: IS IMPRACTICAL, THE COUNCIL 'WILL LIASE WITH THE HEALTH AUTHORITY CONCERNING THE NEED FOR ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES IN THE AREA/BOROUGH'. THE COUNCIL WILL ENCOURAGE...

Waltham Forest council response

The Council will be amending the wording of this policy but not as suggested, see below for text change.

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Amend Policy GCS2 as follows:

OF AN EXISTING FACILITY IS IMPRACTICAL, ' THE COUNCIL WILL SEEK REDEVELOPMENT FOR A SUITABLE USE INCLUDING MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT'. THE COUNCIL WILL ..

GCS 02 Retention of facilities and creation / improvement of

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	Ian	RPS			137
80 /1014	Anderson	Laing Homes Ltd (North London)			

Comment

The policy does not allow for the redevelopment of vacant, under-used or outdated community facilities for other suitable uses, amend as follows:

..OF AN EXISTING FACILITY IS IMPRACTICAL, ' THE COUNCIL WILL SEEK REDEVELOPMENT FOR A SUITABLE USE INCLUDING MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL ACCOMODATION'. THE COUNCIL WILL ..

Waltham Forest council response

The Council partially accepts the above suggested amendment: it will be a matter for negotiation on individual mixed use proposals as to whether the Council accepts housing or not.

Change document?

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GCS 02 Retention of facilities and creation / improvement of

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Support	Anita	Drivers Jonas	5.30		138
54 /776	Young	NHS Executive			

Comment

Support - the NHS welcomes the use of planning agreements to secure new/improved community facilities to meet the need generated by development/ regeneration.
The NHS believe they should be consulted at an early stage to establish the impact on local health services when assessing proposals for major new development. Especially where the the proposed development will have an impact on existing health facilities - the Council should seek to secure necessary funds to mitigate that impact by way of a legal agreement.

Waltham Forest council response

Change document?

None.

GCS 03 The Urban Renaissance and Community Development

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Support	Katy				138
47 /714	Andrews				

Comment

Support but the policy needs to be more specific about how the Council will enhance "community capacity" - also no mention of the "Local Strategic Partnership"?

Waltham Forest council response

Work is still evolving on the Council's Community Strategy - future updating of the UDP will be able to take that work more fully into account.

Change document?

None

GCS 03 The Urban Renaissance and Community Development

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	Simon	Bellway Homes Ltd			138
60 /795	Butler-Finbow				

Comment

Although it is laudable to try and maximise benefit from a proposed development, it would nevertheless be difficult for the Council to "ensure" that this would be the case. As such the policy should be reworded to:
THE COUNCIL WILL 'SEEK' TO ENSURE 'THAT' MAJOR COMMUNITY SCHEMES..
The Council should take notice of Circ 1/97 obligations are reasonably related to the site and not use them to redress the historic deficiencies of the borough.

Waltham Forest council response

Current Government guidance is very much focused on regenerating deprived areas, particularly through new development proposals. New development has to give 'something back' in the way of community benefit, as often (as in the case of new housing) this type of development draws heavily on existing social provision.

Change document?

None.

GCS 03 The Urban Renaissance and Community Development

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	Anthony	Greater London Authority			138
76 /930	Hollingsworth				

Comment

This policy states that “the council will ensure major community schemes are able to contribute to wider community initiatives seeking to encourage urban renaissance and urban renewal”.

Add further supporting text to clarify the community initiatives to which major community schemes will be expected to contribute.

Waltham Forest council response

The Council will include (instead of additional text as suggested), a cross reference to SPG17 on Planning Obligations (Part 1 of the plan) which will be expanded to clarify funding being sought.

Change document?

None.

GCS 03 The Urban Renaissance and Community Development

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	Anthony	Greater London Authority			
76 /931	Hollingsworth				

Comment

Policy GCS3 refers to the contribution that major community schemes can make to wider objectives of the plan but not how other major development schemes identified in the UDP could contribute towards meeting the borough’s need for community facilities and services.

Consider including a policy within this chapter stating how major development within the borough will be expected to contribute towards meeting defined community needs.

Waltham Forest council response

See response to objection number 930.

Change document?

None.

GCS Additional Policy Considerations

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	Anthony	Greater London Authority	5.44		141
76 /932	Hollingsworth				

Comment

The final sentence makes reference to further policy information being available on cemeteries in the Open Environment Chapter. No reference in this chapter is found.

Add policy and justification on future provision for cemeteries/burial space in the Borough.

Waltham Forest council response

The Council proposes to include a reference to cemetery provision in the Open Environment chapter.

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Add new second sentence to paragraph 7.29 of the Open Environment chapter as follows:

' The demand for burial space in the borough is expected to be met for the next fifteen years (other London boroughs have already reached this critical point, where they have run out of burial space)'

GCS 04 Provision of Health Care Sites and Buildings

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Support	Anita	Drivers Jonas			141
54 /777	Young	NHS Executive			

Comment

NHS supports GCS4 as it acknowledges the need for the Council and NHS to work together to meet future needs.

Waltham Forest council response

Change document?

None.

GCS 04 Provision of Health Care Sites and Buildings

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	Anita	Drivers Jonas	5.45		141
54 /778	Young	NHS Executive			

Comment

Supports the para but would like to add the following sentence after the second sentence:

'The Health Authority and associated Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) have been identified as a second tranche NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) and are in the process of producing their strategic services development plan by summer 2002. This will provide a strategy for improving primary health care services in the area.

We further suggest the para 5.45 ends after the first sentence; that the second sentence and the above text become a new paragraph 5.45a/5.46; and that the final sentence of 5.45 is moved to the start of the existing paragraph 5.46 (to be re numbered 5.47).

Waltham Forest council response

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GCS 05 Proposed alternative use of existing Health Care Facilities

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	Anita	Drivers Jonas			141
54 /780	Young	NHS Executive			

Comment

Housing/with an element of mixed use development is the most likely appropriate use on the sites surplus to healthcare requirements - consequently would like the following text added at the end of the policy to read:

.. 'ALTHOUGH IT IS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HOUSING MAY BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE USE IN MANY CIRCUMSTANCES'.

Waltham Forest council response

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GCS 05 Proposed alternative use of existing Health Care Facilities

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	Ian	RPS			141
80 /1013	Anderson	Laing Homes Ltd (North London)			

Comment

Recommendation that the Council clearly states that it will assist in the identification of suitable alternative uses such as mixed use and residential development.

Waltham Forest council response

The above request is met by other policies/references in the plan.

Policy HSG4 of the Housing chapter includes the objective of encouraging development of redundant or under used land and buildings for residential purposes.

There will be inclusion of a reference to mixed use development in Part 1 of the plan, cross reference will be made as part of the review process.

Change document?

None.

GCS 06 Provision of Primary Health Care

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Support	Anita	Drivers Jonas			142
54 /781	Young	NHS Executive			

Comment

The NHS supports the policy on the basis that it fairly reflects the aims of the Government's NHS Plan and the changing ways of delivering primary health care.

Waltham Forest council response

Change document?

None.

GCS 09 Re use of Educational Sites and Buildings

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	Ian	RPS			143
80 /1016	Anderson	Laing Homes Ltd (North London)			

Comment

Recommend that the policy clearly states that the Council will seek to allocate suitable alternative uses such as mixed use and residential development.

Waltham Forest council response

The above request is met by other policies/references in the plan.

Policy HSG4 of the Housing chapter includes the objective of encouraging development of redundant or under used land and buildings for residential purposes.

There will be inclusion of a reference to mixed use development in Part 1 of the plan, cross reference will be made as part of the review process.

Change document?

None.

GCS 10 Liaison with Public Authorities and Monitoring of Land

Reference	Name	Organisation name/Client	Para start	end	Page no.
Object	David	Thames Water Property Services			144
33 /614	Wilson				

Comment

Policy GCS10 is supported but does not go far enough.- seeks new policy GCS10A as follows:

'In considering proposals for development the Council will take into account the availability of infrastructure and necessary utilities and the impact of development proposals on them. Where necessary the Council will seek improvements to utility infrastructure related and appropriate to the development'

Waltham Forest council response

The siting of new development in areas with poor utility connection ie. water/sewerage infrastructure is controlled by other statutory legislation such as public health/building control regulations.

The improvements to utility infrastructure is a financial matter between the developer of a scheme and the relevant utility company.

Change document?

None.

