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All together now

■ Following recent Government announcements of new restrictions to contain the spread of Covid-19, residents are encouraged to 'keep going' and support one another now as they did at the start of the pandemic.

The Leader of Waltham Forest Council, Cllr Clare Coghill, is encouraging all residents to maintain their generosity of spirit, as the Government announced a range of new measures to tackle Covid-19.

Cllr Coghill said: "We understand that new restrictions may be frustrating for residents who have been following guidance from the start, but we must continue to pull together as a community to tackle the spread of the virus and protect our health services and residents more vulnerable than ourselves.

I am constantly amazed by the commitment of our residents, schools and businesses to help one another stay safe every day. I know we will overcome this challenge together."

We have learnt from the first wave of the virus and have well developed plans to ensure services continue to deliver. Your Council officers will be working to support businesses and residents to understand the changes and prevent the need for fines."

The new restrictions, which came into place on Thursday 24 September, include:

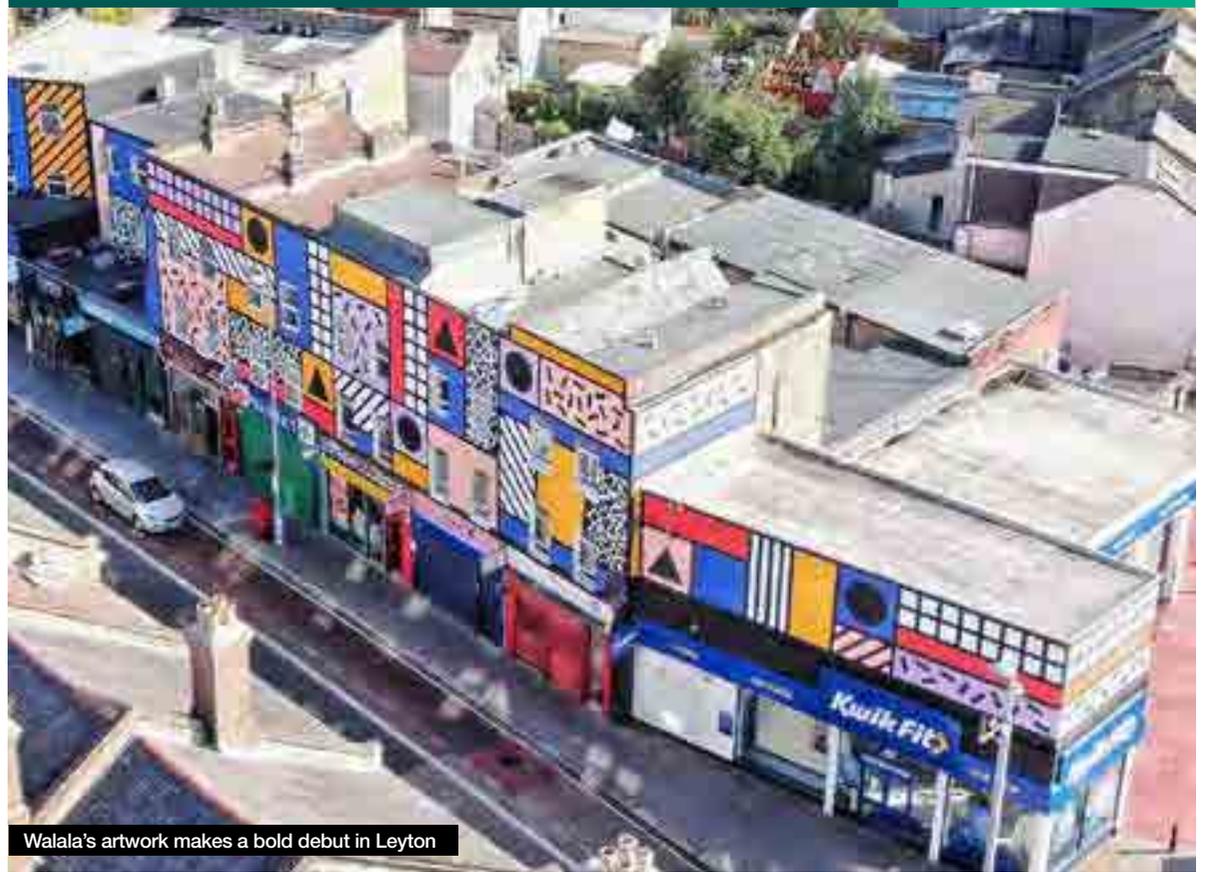
- Hospitality venues to close at 10pm
- People who can work from home should do so
- Face masks are now compulsory for bar staff and non-seated customers, shop workers, waiters and taxi drivers
- Limit on guests at weddings reduced from 30 to 15
- Plans to allow fans to return to sporting events paused
- 'Rule of six' now applies to indoor team sports
- Fines for not wearing masks or following rules have been increased to £200 for first offence

To help local businesses and residents understand and adopt these new restrictions as quickly and easily as possible Waltham Forest Council is increasing its work within local communities. Council officers will be visiting local businesses, particularly those with shop fronts, to provide advice and guidance, and encourage the use of the new NHS Covid-19 smartphone app and the QR codes they must display to support contract tracing.

Community officers and volunteers are visiting town centres and transport hubs to distribute

Brightening up Leyton High Road

See **Page 11**



Walala's artwork makes a bold debut in Leyton

translated information and tens of thousands of face masks to younger residents.

Washing hands more often for longer, wearing a face covering and observing social distancing –

remember, 'hands, face, space' also remains key in the fight against Covid-19. If you recognise the symptoms, self-isolate with your household and keep trying to book a test.

More info

For more on Covid-19, and continued efforts to stop the spread, see **page three**.

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From the Leader

Cllr Clare Coghill



2020 has been a challenging year for all of us but the response from people in Waltham Forest has been nothing short of inspirational.

We saw people volunteering in unprecedented numbers, with more than 4,000 residents registering to help within our communities, alongside self-organising groups throughout the borough.

The pandemic has put a spotlight on the work of many of our residents, from key workers to shop staff and food distributors. We must acknowledge the incredible courage of local NHS and care workers, and the considerable work of local charities and support groups. But I was also inspired by the everyday acts of help from neighbours, the resolve of shop workers or the patience of parents

facing the difficult task of home-schooling.

With the recent increase in transmission of Covid-19 the Government has announced a range of measures to try and control the spread. As the Chief Medical Officer, Chris Whitty, said this month, "you cannot in an epidemic just take your own risk. Unfortunately, you're taking a risk on behalf of everybody else." I know it is frustrating for everyone that restrictions are coming back but it is vital that we follow the guidance if we are to protect our friends, neighbours and loved ones.

An effective test and trace programme is essential if we are to control the virus, which is why I have written to the Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, following the problems we've seen in accessing testing recently. We are all doing our part so I have written to express dismay at the failure of the first duty of Government to protect people.

We have all worked incredibly hard to follow the advice and try to get tested to reduce the spread of the virus. We now know that hundreds of people in the borough are being

turned away every day because of a lack of laboratory capacity.

I have heard shocking stories of people asked to travel hundreds of miles to get tested, putting them and their loved ones at even greater risk of catching the virus, with many more not being able to book any test at all. It was clear to everyone that a return to school and work in September would mean an increase in demand for testing, and the Government has failed to plan for this.

We are being told by Government it will be weeks before the added capacity will be in place to meet demand, so the advice is still if you have symptoms try and get tested, and whilst you are waiting for a test or the test result you and your household must isolate. It is the only way we can protect each other and our loved ones.

The Council will continue to do everything we can to support residents and businesses through this next phase of the pandemic. This borough has already risen to the occasion this year and I know we can do so again.

Investing in our future



Picture from 2019 book launch

The next few months may be tough and we are all going to have to make sacrifices in order to protect each other and our loved ones.

Throughout this crisis, we have been clear that whilst we must focus on the immediate priorities in responding to Covid-19, we also need to have one eye on the future so that we can make sure these sacrifices are worth it. That is why we are making major investments in our borough.

At a time when many local authorities have had to make difficult decisions to close libraries and reduce services, I'm delighted that we opened a fantastic new library in Wood Street last month, part of our £3m programme of investment in libraries in our borough. The new library will be open double the hours of the old one and creates a valuable community space where young people can learn and those whose jobs have been hit by Covid-19 can gain new skills.

We are also making improvements at

Walthamstow and Lea Bridge Libraries which will be ready later this year. You can find out more on pages four and five.

We also took a major step forward on our work to restore the former EMD cinema last month, with the Council taking full possession of the whole site. Work is well underway to renovate this amazing building, which is part of our London Borough of Culture legacy commitment to place culture at the heart of our communities, while driving economic, social and environmental benefits to Waltham Forest residents and businesses.

We all need something to look forward to, and I cannot wait for Soho Theatre to announce their programme in late 2021 ahead of the re-opening of the venue in Spring 2022. You can find out more on page eight.

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Help keep family and friends safe

Over the last few months, Waltham Forest residents and businesses have followed guidelines carefully to keep family, friends, and neighbours safe. Your efforts have been outstanding and vital in helping us control the spread of the virus.

However, we must remain vigilant and alert. Recent figures show that the cases of the virus are starting to rise in the London region. Continuing to follow NHS advice is the best way to avoid having to go back into a local lockdown and again lose some of the freedoms we value.

Getting tested

If you have the symptoms of Covid-19, it is important you self-isolate and book a test.

The Department for Health and Social Care has set up a drive-through testing site at The Score Centre, Oliver Road, E10 5JY, and there is also a walk-in site at Stanley Road car park, E10 7FF. You need to book a test as soon as you notice symptoms - if you leave it too late you may struggle to get a test straight away.

There is a high demand for testing. If there are no slots available, or you are directed to a test centre that is a long distance away, please try booking again a little later.

To book a test at the drive-through or walk-in centre please call **119** or visit bit.ly/WFGetTested

Get the NHS Covid-19 app

The Government has been testing a new app designed purely to help in the fight against Covid-19. Every person who downloads the app will be helping in the fight against the virus.

It will help the NHS understand where and how quickly the virus is spreading, to help authorities respond quickly and effectively. The app helps the NHS track the virus, not individuals.

For more information visit www.covid19.nhs.uk



Call 119 to book a test if you notice symptoms

Help us help you

We want to make it easier to access and understand the latest information about Covid-19 in Waltham Forest.

A new Citizen Panel of 75 residents from across the borough is already helping us improve the way we keep people updated. We are also working with our Legends of the Forest volunteers to improve how we share the latest news and information.

We know this remains a worrying time. You may be concerned about self-isolating with your household or having to take sick leave, we understand and have information and resources available online to support you.

See our main Covid-19 webpage for more: walthamforest.gov.uk/service-categories/covid-19

We want to hear from residents to see what we can do better – providing the most up to date information and advice you need.

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What you can do now

- Wash hands regularly for at least 20 seconds, using hand sanitiser when necessary.
- Wear a face covering whenever social distancing is difficult (in shops, public transport, and enclosed spaces).
- Keep your distance – try to stay two metres (or three steps) from anyone who is not in your household.



Check for symptoms

- high temperature • a new, continuous cough • loss to sense of smell or taste
- If you experience any symptoms you must immediately self-isolate for 14 days with your household and get tested.



Rising tide of coronavirus cases in London

Professor Kevin Fenton, London regional director for Public Health England, said:

"We are seeing a rising tide of coronavirus cases in London across a broad range of ages. This is no longer limited to young people in their twenties.

"Whilst the number of cases by borough varies, the general trend across the city is one of steadily increasing transmission and if that continues then the situation may escalate. It is more important than ever that we remain vigilant to control the virus so we must not be complacent at this critical time.

"I would urge everyone to pull together and help reverse this upward trend. The best advice remains to adhere to the rule of six and to continue following government guidelines around social distancing, face coverings and hand washing. There is also now very high demand for coronavirus tests and it is vital we test people with symptoms to help stop the spread of the virus. You can do your bit by only booking a test if you have clear coronavirus symptoms."

Public Health England
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We must keep on protecting each other.

HANDS FACE SPACE

New chapter for Wood Street

A brand-new custom-built library with a range of modern community features including meeting spaces, a café and new computers has opened in the heart of Wood Street, Walthamstow.

On Thursday 13 August, Waltham Forest-based author Ellie Levenson and local illustrator Farah Ishaq, joined Cabinet Member for Culture, Cllr Paul Douglas to cut the ribbon in a socially distant grand opening.

The new building is a key part of the Council's £3m investment in libraries across the borough, which also includes an extension to Lea Bridge Library. We have moved all the books over from the old Wood Street Library.

As a Library Plus the new library will be open seven days a week, bringing it in line with Walthamstow, Leytonstone, Chingford and Lea Bridge libraries. The new café will provide a range of food and beverage options at reasonable prices with a discount for library members.

Cllr Douglas said: "We know how much residents value their libraries and literature. This new custom-built library that also contains community meeting space, a high-quality café, and digital access means that everyone will be able to enjoy

reading and the thrill of a good book for generations to come.

"Libraries help children explore the limits of their imaginations and provide an essential outlet for older or isolated residents to make connections. We need to encourage those who no longer use the current library to return and discover the important benefits that libraries bring. They must be contemporary and relevant to the whole community.

"At a time when many local authorities are having to make difficult decisions to close libraries and reduce services for residents, we are investing in the futures of our young people and safeguarding these essential community spaces for older or less mobile residents."

Visit the new Wood Street library at 1 Troubridge Square, Wood Street, London, E17 3GN. It is open 9am to 7pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm on Saturdays, and 10am to 4pm on Sundays.

Find out more about Ellie Levenson, author of *We Are Extraordinary*, in our chat with her on page five.



Inside the custom-built Wood Street Library



Nurturing a love of reading for life. Image taken before March 2020



An airy space for kids to discover their new favourite books

More info

For more information on the continuing work on Waltham Forest libraries, visit: walthamforest.gov.uk/libraries

Read all about it



Some feedback from our recent library visitors...

"I got library cards for myself and the staff working there were friendly and helpful. Plus, the children's selection of illustrated books is great – classic favourites mixed with current new releases. Also love the self-checkout."

Jaime

"It's a great little library. The kids loved it. They were happy with spreading out on the sofas, but a rug would be great too.* Loads of good choices for them. Had to limit them to 12 books to take home - I couldn't carry anymore! Found a few useful reference books for their school summer project on climate change too. The fella on the door was really helpful and the cafe looks lovely."

Susie

"I have joined and absolutely love it! The ease at checking books out and returning them is just fabulous. The staff are helpful, it is tidy and well cared for."

Rachel

*We now have a rug on order! Thanks for your suggestion Susie!

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Address: Wood Street Library, 1 Troubridge Square, Wood St, Walthamstow, London E17 3GN

Wood Street Library phone: 020 8496 3000

All recent and past issues can also be viewed online:

walthamforest.gov.uk/content/waltham-forest-news

“A good and welcoming library can literally change the lives of people who use it”

Ellie Levenson is a lifelong Waltham Forest resident and author. Last year, she received Fellowship Funding as part of the London Borough of Culture 2019 programme to produce a children's book – *We Are Extraordinary* - focusing on the stories of people from the borough.



L to R: Illustrator Farah Ishaq, author Ellie Levenson and a representative from Jenny Hammond School at the book launch in 2019

After joining us to open the new Wood Street Library, we spoke to Ellie about what libraries mean to her and her hopes for their future.

As a lifelong Waltham Forest resident, what is your favourite memory of libraries growing up in the area?



Book launch in 2019

“We used to spend a lot of time in Walthamstow Central Library. I remember it burnt down when I was very young, and how upsetting this was. When it reopened, I spent a lot of time browsing the Sweet Dreams series of teen romances! I always found the library a reassuring presence on the High Street, and still pop in even though I live in a different part of the Borough now.”

What do local libraries mean to you? What do you think their place is in the local community?

“Access to books is incredibly important, books that you can browse yourself rather than books that are digitally filtered

by what you can afford or what other people think you should read. Just as important is giving people – particularly teenagers – a quiet place to work when they may not have the space in their own homes. Libraries should have a focus on this, as well as being a community space for all ages to come and read, meet people and access services.”

What are your hopes for the future of libraries, not just in Waltham Forest, but nationwide?

“I’d like to see more librarians – people who love and know books and can advise people on what to read next. My biggest hope is that they continue to exist and get the funding they need. A good and welcoming library can literally change the lives of people who use it.”

Your book, *We Are Extraordinary*, celebrates the people of Waltham Forest. Which story did you find the most intriguing?

“There are so many interesting stories – I plan to learn more about Queen Victoria’s visit to the borough and how Epping Forest became for the people. I’ve always been interested in the Victoria Cross medal and the people who receive it, so would like to know more about

the recipients with a Waltham Forest connection, as well as the Clapton Orient (now Leyton Orient) men who joined The Footballers’ Battalion in the First World War. Roy Romain is very interesting – he was one of the first people to ever do the butterfly swimming stroke and would show it off at swimming galas around the country.”

Have you got any new books out you’d like to plug here?

“Yes! In July, my company, Fisherton Press published *We Love the NHS*. It’s a picture book for three to eight-year-olds explaining what the NHS is, how it was founded, its funding, who works in it and who uses it. It is not about the pandemic specifically – although you can spot some rainbows in the window on the front cover – but about the NHS as a whole, the idea being that if today’s children are going to grow up to cherish it, work in it and ensure it is funded properly, then this needs to start at a young age. It is written by me and illustrated by Marek Jagucki.”

More info

For more information about Ellie’s work, visit fishertonpress.co.uk

Lea Bridge Library Update

Lea Bridge Library has been closed in the recent months as refurbishment works are undertaken to modernise and ensure it can be enjoyed by residents for years to come.

Opening in early November, the new Lea Bridge Library will feature a brand new extension, opening out into a new landscaped community garden and café. Upon reopening, the library will become a Library Plus, moving to being open seven days a week bringing it in line with Walthamstow, Wood Street, Chingford, Leyton and Leytonstone libraries.

Furniture and a striking feature wall are being created from locally reclaimed timbers to ensure the building has a distinctive local feel.

The upgrade also includes entirely new computers and meeting rooms and will be a beautiful event space for the community. For everyday use, this will be a flexible space for residents to read, research and reflect. Please note that Lea Bridge is currently open for book services only, but it will fully reopen shortly.

Keep an eye out for more information to come. In the meantime, if you’re a resident nearby, why not join our libraries today so you can be the first to access all the incredible resources Lea Bridge will have to offer at walthamforest.gov.uk/libraries



An artist's impression of the refurbished Lea Bridge library exterior

Walthamstow Library Update

Whilst Walthamstow Library Plus has remained partially open for registrar appointments throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, there have been some exciting refurbishment works happening behind the scenes.

With a brand new lick of paint, and refreshed furniture and floors throughout, the library has been completely refurbished to maintain its status as a cornerstone of our community.

The refurbishment has also provided an opportunity to create a colourful new children’s library for families to enjoy, as well as a separate space for young people to use to socialise (at a distance) and make use of the new computers.

At the top of the library, there has been extensive work done to the old reading room, which will provide a versatile space for the community to hire for weddings, parties, events and other exciting functions.

Walthamstow Library is also part of British Library’s Start-ups in London Libraries workshops. This project is designed to help aspiring entrepreneurs turn their business idea into a reality. If you’re looking to start up a new business in our borough, we have regular online workshops which will give you the kick-start you need. Register here today: bit.ly/WFStartupLibraries

All regular services will be reinstated at Walthamstow Library when it fully reopens under Covid-19 guidelines at the start of October. See here for more information: walthamforest.gov.uk/libraries

Did you know that 8 September was International Literacy Day?

Join in the conversation online by following Waltham Forest Libraries on Facebook @WFLibraries and letting us know what your favourite childhood book was, using #WFLibraries

With over £3 million invested in facilities, it is an exciting time to join our libraries, share stories with new generations and discover new ones.

Get involved here: walthamforest.gov.uk/libraries

The 'new normal' at schools



Dominique's first day



As our schools and colleges are settling into the autumn term, they have been adopting measures to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

Schools across Waltham Forest have worked hard to ensure that it will be as safe as possible for pupils and staff. The Council has been working closely with schools and a system of controls to keep the school community safe include:

- Ensuring pupils and staff only come to school if they or their family members do not have Covid-19 symptoms.

- Regular and thorough handwashing.
- Good hygiene around the use of tissues for sneezes and coughs – the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Enhanced cleaning including of high-touch surfaces.
- Maintaining social distancing between staff and pupils. This is two metres apart where possible, even in the classroom. Where this is not possible, extra control measures will be in place. Pupils are being kept in secure groups or 'bubbles', ('bubbles' may be larger in secondary schools).

Please remember:

- Only one parent or carer should take your child to school. Do not crowd or congregate at the school gates and always maintain a safe distance observing social distancing as there is a significant risk of transmission.
- Outside of school, it is also important you follow current guidance on meeting other individuals and households.
- We encourage active travel to get to the school gates. If using the bus is the only option for some, then children over 11-years-old are required to wear face covering.

"It's so exciting to be back at school and see all of my friends and to start learning again"

Naveed, Year 11 - Willowfield School

How some schools are keeping safe



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Active travel? Now is the time



Going places is more fun on two wheels

Since the beginning of lockdown, active travel has been embraced more widely across Waltham Forest, with key workers choosing to cycle to work, volunteers hiring free cargo bikes to make food deliveries to neighbours, or residents hiring a free bike to explore the beautiful areas across our vibrant and leafy borough.

Following our School Travel Survey in July, we were pleased to see most parents and carers planning to choose active travel on the 'school run' as the new term begins.

Whether you prefer to walk, cycle or scoot, our safe and segregated travel infrastructure is here to make active travel as easy and enjoyable as possible.

Learn more about travelling actively: bit.ly/GetMovingWF
Access a bike and check out our Cycle Resources: enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/get-cycling/
To find out more about the school streets initiative visit: walthamforest.gov.uk/schoolstreets

Moving on up



- 67 per cent of parents are planning to use active travel this September as part of school journeys.
- We have hired out 150 free cycles to key workers and residents since the beginning of lockdown.
- We have plugged in our 100th electrical vehicle charging point.
- We have 62 new and improved crossings.
- 31 pocket parks can now be passed through, and enjoyed locally.
- Six new School Streets launched in September, creating safer streets for our young people.



Waltham Forest Council free bike hire is for everyone



Take a ride through Essex Road Pocket Park

Virtual Tour De Waltham Forest

Sadly, due to Covid-19 restrictions we have been unable to host our popular annual Tour De Waltham Forest in its usual form this year.

The Enjoy Waltham Forest team have instead, put together three unique and safe virtual cycle routes that cover the width and breadth of our fantastic borough – and there is still time to get on your bike and enter our competition.

Route 1 The Leyton Lap 20km

This route takes you from Leyton Jubilee Park to the Olympic Park, down through Coppermill and back through Francis and Orford Road.

Route 2 The Walthamstow Wander 15km

This shorter route is from Highams Park, up Forest Road and back down the River Lea.

Route 3 The Chingford Circle 12km

Our shortest route circles Chingford, travelling along Hatch Lane and back through Whitehall.

Remember to tag us on Twitter in your best cycling photo using #VirtualTDWF for a chance to win one of 10 £20 local cycling shop vouchers and be part of our cycling map. The competition will close on Sunday 27 September. Happy riding! For more info and to access the routes via our Google Maps page: enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/virtual-tour-de-waltham-forest-2020/



First cross-borough Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN)

Working with Newham Council, we are creating the first joint LTN, improving the neighbourhood between our boroughs and making it safer and more pleasant for residents to travel around.

Experimental modal filters were installed in mid-August and will be in place for six to 18 months. During this time, we will be gathering local feedback, consulting with key stakeholders, and collecting traffic data to help determine whether the scheme will be made permanent in the future.

The installations include:

- Five modal filters within Newham, bounded by Crownfield Road, Leytonstone Road, Forest Lane and Leyton Road.
- 12 modal filters, seven in Newham and five in Waltham Forest, bounded by Cann Hall Road, Dames Road, Woodgrange Road, Forest Lane and Leyton Road.

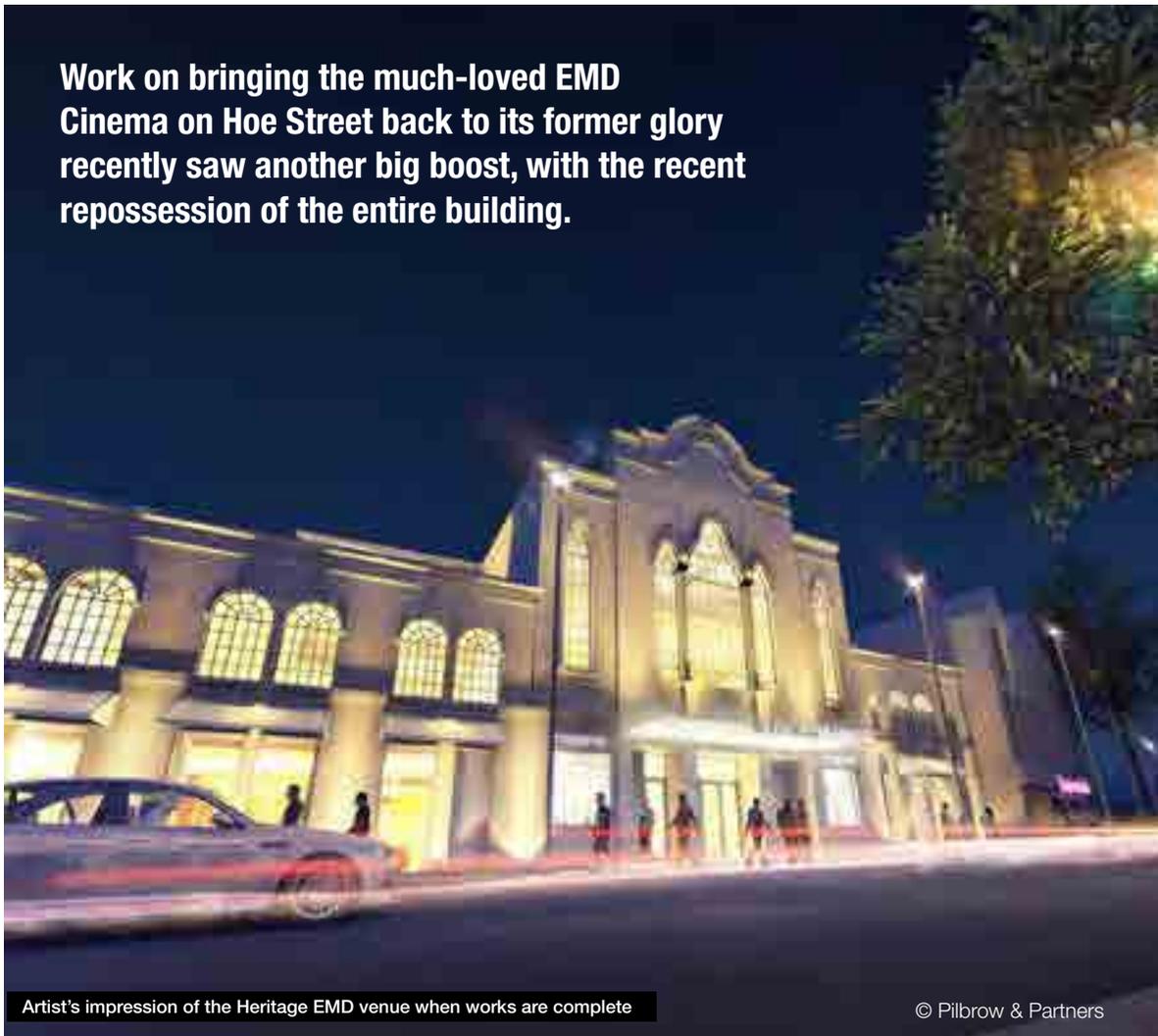
Visit our website: bit.ly/WFLTN

Access a bike and see our Cycle Resources: enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/get-cycling/

More about School Streets: walthamforest.gov.uk/schoolstreets

Next step for heritage landmark EMD Cinema

Work on bringing the much-loved EMD Cinema on Hoe Street back to its former glory recently saw another big boost, with the recent repossession of the entire building.



Artist's impression of the Heritage EMD venue when works are complete

© Pilbrow & Partners



Currently in an advanced state of decay, the main auditorium of the EMD Cinema is undergoing extensive repair and regeneration work as part of its transformation into a thriving entertainment hub for the whole community



The recent acquisition of the foyer and bar area of the EMD Cinema marks the next step in the regeneration of this one iconic landmark



Until 24 August, the Mirth, Marvel and Maud pub occupied the site of the foyer and bar of the old cinema. Now that the Council has taken possession of the entire building, work can begin in these areas, which will include making sure the new venue is accessible.

Representatives from the Council and Soho Theatre came together on 4 September to mark the occasion of the next phase of the restoration and tour the works in progress.

The revival of this iconic theatre is part of our London Borough of Culture legacy commitment to place culture at the heart of our communities, while driving economic, social and environmental benefits to local residents and businesses. It will have an important part to play in helping support the borough's economic recovery and resilience in the current uncertain climate.

The venue will also provide local jobs and training opportunities, both during the restoration and in its new life. It is projected that the local economic benefit could be as much as £50m over 10 years.

The new venue will include a 950-seat theatre, bar and restaurant, community space, and more. It will be managed by Soho Theatre, a renowned charity and social enterprise who have brought some of London's most innovative and high-profile theatre,

comedy and cabaret acts to its acclaimed central London venue.

In 2019, Waltham Forest Council acquired the building and has been working in partnership with Soho Theatre, developer Willmott Dixon Interiors and architects Pilbrow & Partners to restore it as a modern, nationally recognised entertainment venue that honours its unique heritage. The extensive work now taking place is needed as much of the building is in a significant state of decay.

Soho Theatre's wide-ranging programme will be announced towards the end of 2021 with the venue set to open in spring 2022. It is set to feature some of the biggest names in UK and international comedy as well as an annual pantomime and special events from music to screening and performances, alongside dedicated community, education and schools programmes.

The original 2,697 seat Granada Cinema was built in 1930 and is known for hosting some of the biggest names in the entertainment world. Since then, it has gone through many changes, and over the past 15 years, Soho Theatre and campaigners have led a passionate campaign for it to be restored as a modern entertainment venue that is true to its heritage and the Waltham Forest community.

More info

For more information, and receive regular updates, see walthamforest.gov.uk/emd



(from left) Cllr Simon Miller, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Housing Development, David Luff, Creative Director of Soho Theatre, and Mark Godfrey, Executive Director of Soho Theatre, stand on front of the recently acquired foyer area of the EMD Cinema

£100,000 Make it Happen grant funding available now



Some past projects funded through the grants that made a success of our last funding opportunity

Arts projects that engage and enhance the lives of Waltham Forest residents are more important than ever before.

Do you have an idea for an exciting and innovative project that would involve the community? An innovative dance project for adults, a new craft project for children or a film challenge for everyone? From circus to dance, performance to visual art, music to craft – we are looking for big, bold ideas that we can support.

Make it Happen grant funding is now available to support artists, organisations and creative freelancers to create locally relevant, ambitious and inclusive arts and culture projects right across Waltham Forest. This is

your opportunity to create a cultural programme for everyone in our borough. You do not have to be based in Waltham Forest but your activity must benefit Waltham Forest residents.

This round of Make it Happen grant funding is making £100,000 available to run innovative and inclusive creative activities between January 2021 and March 2022. The grant will require some match funding and can be part of wider funding for a very ambitious project.

All applications must be received by 5pm on Sunday 25 October.

More info

Find out more, go to wfculture19.co.uk/fellowshipfunding

Leytonstone Loves Film returns to share cinema and storytelling



Running until Sunday 4 October 2020, Leytonstone Loves Film has returned for a second year to celebrate film culture and Leytonstone's exciting cinema community through a reimagined programme of small-scale film screenings, online Watch Parties, talks and workshops.

Produced by the Barbican in partnership with local residents' organisations and Waltham Forest Council, the free community-powered programme will bring people together safely through movies and storytelling and provide a platform to showcase local filmmakers, industry creatives and cinema enthusiasts.

Highlights include screenings of the

1969 British black-and-white film *Bronco Bullfrog*, a local filmmaking project with Stow Film Lounge, a collection of 20 short films presented in Leytonstone Library Hall programmed by Women Over Fifty Film Festival (WOFFF), Cheap Cuts Doc Fest, Forest Film Club and local artists and filmmakers

As everyone will not be able to attend in person we will be working to bring a series of safe small film screenings to local care and residential homes, community centres and neighbourhoods to share a cinematic moment in some unexpected places.

More info

More information about the programme, see leytonstonelovesfilm.com



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Major investments bring big benefits

As Waltham Forest works hard towards economic recovery following the Covid-19 pandemic, investors are showing confidence in the borough with a series of planning applications.



Mall civic square with lime trees



The Mall Walthamstow Central Station new entrance

The Mall

Capital and Regional has submitted two applications for significant investment in Walthamstow Town Centre. The applications build on the planning permission given in 2018, taking on board changes requested by local residents and the Council.

The proposals, if approved, by Planning Committee, would see significant new retail development in the town centre, re-modelling of the Town Square, a new entrance to Walthamstow Central Station and 500 high-quality new homes marketed locally first. These planning applications propose changes to the previously approved redevelopment that will:

- A re-designed Town Square with retained avenue of lime trees
- Allow a potential new entrance to Walthamstow Central underground station, at the entrance to The Mall
- Provide a new childrens' play area
- Increase the number of trees across the whole development, with an increase of 84 trees
- Move the residential towers back from the Town Square to improve design
- Create a more active street scene on Selborne Road

The proposals represent an investment of around £200 million and will create 350 permanent jobs in the borough as well as 500 extra jobs during construction.

Waltham Forest Council's Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Housing Development, Cllr Simon Miller, said: "At a time when town centres across the country are seeing shopping centres and businesses closing, following the impact of Covid-19, Capital and Regional's continued commitment to invest in major improvements in Waltham Forest is welcomed.

"Key parts of the scheme include new retail units which will create more jobs for local people and provision of a new entrance to ease congestion at Walthamstow Central Underground Station. Subject to approval by Planning Committee, it will provide new homes, improved open space and the retention of the much-loved lime tree avenue."

Capital and Regional, with the support of Transport for London, has submitted a separate planning application for the potential new station entrance and below ground works. Waltham Forest Council's Planning Committee is unlikely to decide the applications until December 2020 at the earliest.

More info

walthamforest.gov.uk/TheMall

Lee Valley Ice Centre

Built on the southern end of Walthamstow Marshes at Lea Bridge Road, Lee Valley Ice Centre was officially opened by ice skating champions Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean in January 1984.

After decades as a destination for families and figure skaters alike, it may now be gliding towards an upgrade.

An application to demolish the existing ice centre and replace it with a new building providing two ice rinks, a gym, café and associated facilities is likely to be considered by Planning Committee in October 2020.

The additional capacity, if approved, would mean competitive ice hockey or other events can take place on one rink while the public can still use the second rink for leisure skating.

The investment by Lee Valley Regional Authority would give the south of the borough a major boost creating an estimated extra 45 permanent jobs with 20 jobs during construction while attracting around £1.5 million in visitor spending each year.



Illustrative view of landscape at entrance to proposed new Lee Valley Ice Centre and Leyton Marsh

More info

walthamforest.gov.uk/LeeValleyIceCentre

Preserving our past

The design of iconic Central Parade, in Hoe Street, Walthamstow, has been a local talking point for well over half a century.

Designed in 1954 by F.G Southgate, the Walthamstow Borough surveyor, the building was complete in 1958. Heritage champions, Historic England describe how it "...embodies the Festival (of Britain) style, blending pattern and colour, surface decoration, slender detailing and lively rhythmic modelling with conviction and élan."

The building is on the site of a Second World War V1 flying bomb attack that happened in 1944, which resulted in 22 deaths and 144 recorded casualties.

The parade of shops on the ground floor is occupied by a range of small businesses, meeting the needs of local people, while above are Council-managed homes close to the town centre and transport links.

On what was previously the garage and pram shed area behind the shops work has now begun to build 19 homes, half them being affordable, and some new commercial space for businesses. Former offices in the main building will be refurbished to create two new large family homes for rent. At the same time, scaffolding will allow the outstanding clock tower with its heraldic shields to be repaired where necessary and protected, along with maintenance to the council flats.



Central Parade clock tower

More info

walthamforest.gov.uk/CentralParade

Looking at Lea Bridge

Lea Bridge Station

The Council reopened Lea Bridge Station in May 2016. It links the borough to Stratford and Tottenham Hale interchanges and since reopening, the number of trains stopping at the station has doubled to cope with increased demand.

Work continues developing designs to improve this station and a planning application for a new station entrance is due to be submitted this month. The application will be considered by the Planning Committee towards the end of this year at the earliest. Train operator Greater Anglia is also introducing new trains, with more seats and standing room, from early 2021.



Artist's impression of the interior view of the station entrance and its feature wall

More info

walthamforest.gov.uk/3StationSites

Lea Bridge Gasworks

St William Homes has carried out further engagement with residents regarding their submitted planning application, and the Planning Committee has received a briefing on the scheme.

The proposal is likely to be discussed by the Planning Committee in November 2020. The proposal includes a pre-school nursery, better links to local parks and improved open space, as well as 573 new homes.

More info

walthamforest.gov.uk/LeaBridgeGasworks

In brief

Stay in the know

Every regeneration scheme has its own email newsletter to keep residents updated – you can sign up to receive it from the web page. We are also using the Nextdoor social media platform. Nextdoor currently has 15,888 residents signed up to get relevant information specific to their area.
Info: nextdoor.co.uk

Sansom Road

The piling rig is now on site as work continues building 31 new homes, all for social rent.
Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/SansomRoad

Juniper House

The crane is now on site and being used to build a pre-school nursery with 53 places, commercial workspace and 91 new homes, 50 per cent of which will be affordable for local people.
Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/JuniperHouse

Marlowe Road

Last month, the Council took possession of 66 properties at Marlowe Road Estate in Wood Street from Countryside Properties. The 29 units in Banfield House will be sold as Shared Ownership and prioritised to local people. The 37 homes at Braithwaite House are being sold privately by the Council as POP – you may have seen marketing for this at Walthamstow Central recently.
Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/Feature17

Brightening up Leyton High Road

Leyton High Road has a new splash of colour thanks to a mural from Wood Street Walls. The new, artwork is above shop fronts between Sedgewick Road and Murchison Road.

It was designed by Artist, Camille Walala, who worked with local businesses including Deeney's to create the mural, using recycled paint from the Forest Recycling Project.

Walala has a strong track record

in transforming urban environments around the world through public installations and large-scale murals.

This is her largest project, and community-driven initiative, to date. Camille said: "Waltham Forest is such an exciting and creative area of East London – now it's going to look the part, too."

The £40,000 project received £25,000 from The Mayor of London with the remainder coming from crowd funding.



Walala's artwork make a bold debut in Leyton

Markets proving popular

Waltham Forest is rightly proud of its new and historic markets across the borough. Even more so since lockdown, our markets are loved by shoppers for their great value offering and the community buzz they create.

Spending at Waltham Forest markets is also an easy way to support local business and in turn boost the area.

Now businesses in Orford Road, Walthamstow, have joined forces to put on a market every Saturday which runs alongside the popular main Walthamstow High Street market and Lloyd Park market. On Sundays, the Sunday Social and Waltham Forest Farmers' markets can both be found in Walthamstow Town Centre (starting near Walthamstow Library). In Chingford, Saturdays see a monthly Chingford Mount and a fortnightly

North Chingford market. Plus, whatever the weather, you can always enjoy Walthamstow's Wood Street Indoor Market which is open from Tuesday to Saturday.



Waltham Forest Farmers' Market
Image taken before March 2020

Christmas is coming

If your school, business or community group is organising a market for Christmas please let us know so we can publicise your event in our email newsletter which goes to almost 10,000 people.

More info

walthamforest.gov.uk/Markets

See #ChooseLocalWF on Facebook, twitter or Instagram for more information our campaign to support local businesses.

Local Plan consultation launches

Last summer's public engagement on the Draft Local Plan attracted many comments and suggestions from residents, businesses and stakeholders.

There was a lot of interest in seeing which sites were earmarked for development and what should be built there.

In response, the Planning Policy Team has produced a site allocations document. This shows the Council's preferred options for sites for development. This document will be available for comment from Thursday 24 September to Monday 14 December, 2020. The site allocations document allocates sites for about 19,000 new homes to be delivered over the 15-year plan period.

The Local Plan (known as *Shaping the Borough*) will be going to Cabinet on Thursday 8 October 2020 to seek approval to start consultation on the submission version of the Plan. This consultation will run from Monday 26 October to Monday 14 December 2020. Following the close of the consultation, and after all comments have been considered, the Plan will be submitted to the Government's Planning Inspectorate for examination. The intention is to adopt the Plan in the second part of 2021.

Both documents are supported by a substantial evidence base including an Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which identifies what infrastructure is needed to support growth.

More info

walthamforest.gov.uk/LocalPlan



Orford Road Market, Walthamstow Dogs
Image taken before March 2020

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A bright future for Whipps Cross



Whipps Cross as it stands now

A new state of the art hospital at Whipps Cross is now one step closer.

The Government has endorsed Barts Health NHS Trust's Strategic Outline Case for a new hospital, and it is progressing to the next stage of the business case process. A summary of the Trust's vision is available online in *Building a Brighter Future for Whipps Cross – Moving to the next stage*.

The proposals, to be tested more thoroughly in the next, more detailed planning phase, show that a new hospital will continue to provide the same core services but at a faster rate and offer more convenience for patients.

Double the number of diagnostic tests will be possible, more operations will be done as day cases, and more outpatient appointments undertaken remotely, improving quality, access to services and reducing the time patients need to spend in hospital.

Community services will be expanded, for example through NHS 111 and home monitoring services, as well as improved GP access and more phone and video appointments. This will support patients being treated closer to home and help avoid unnecessary stays in hospital.

The new hospital is expected to be situated on the site of the disused former nurses' accommodation. This would deliver a new hospital faster and with the least disruption to existing services which could continue after the new hospital is built. The remainder of the 18-hectare site (equivalent to around 25 football pitches) will be released for redevelopment, primarily for much needed new homes, including affordable and key worker housing, but with space retained for other health and care services and community facilities.

This autumn, Barts Health will be holding virtual public meetings in partnership with local boroughs to hear people's views and to further shape the plans. The Waltham Forest public meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15 October 2020 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. It will include representatives from Barts Health, the wider east London health system and Waltham Forest Council.

More info

bartshealth.nhs.uk/future-whipps

Whipps Cross Did you know?

- During the Great War of 1914 to 1918, Whipps Cross – then known as the West Ham Union Infirmary – cared for thousands of wounded servicemen.
- By 1924 there were 53 trained and 130 student nurses, and a ground-breaking training school for male nurses was established.
- By 1948 Whipps Cross came under the management of the new National Health Service (NHS).
- In 1992 Whipps Cross Hospital became a trust hospital. Following the development of teaching links with South Bank University, in 2001 it became Whipps Cross University Hospital NHS Trust.
- In 2012 Whipps Cross, Newham and Barts and The London merged to form Barts Health NHS Trust.

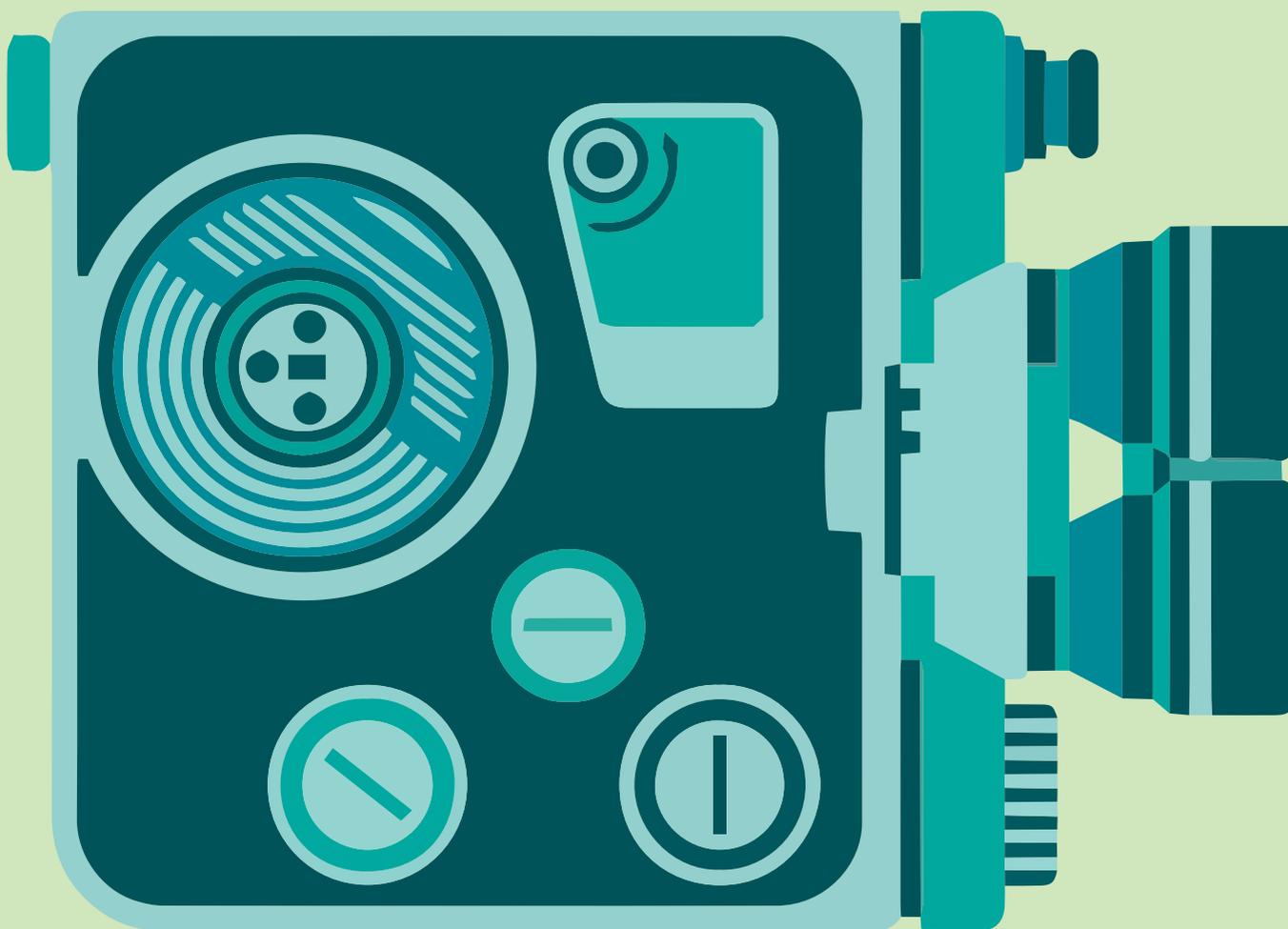
Credit: Bart's Health NHS Archive



Whipps Cross, a ward in 1953

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Supporting our businesses through Covid-19

The financial impact on local businesses imposed by the Covid-19 lockdown has been severe.

In response, the Council has dedicated a huge amount of resource to help eligible businesses access Government grants as promptly as possible.

As of the end of August, we had distributed almost £45 million in Small Business Grants to 3,300 businesses and £1.89 million in Discretionary Grants had been paid out – with applications continuing to be evaluated and payments made until the end

of September.

The High Street Action Plan, launched in early summer, outlines how we intend to help high streets reopen successfully, recover quickly and build resilience in response to the Covid-19 crisis.

When lockdown restrictions were eased, Council Officers were on the ground to ensure Waltham Forest businesses were assisted in complying with social distancing rules and other Covid-19 measures. Most businesses were compliant. Only 46 of 228 visited businesses from the

hospitality sector were found to need further instruction after restrictions were eased during the first weekend of July.

Since March, the Council has produced a weekly email newsletter, detailing the support, help and guidance available during the pandemic and shining a light on businesses who have supported the community or introduced ways to continue operating while complying with Covid-19 measures.

More info

Sign up at walthamforest.gov.uk/business



Credit: Jon Attenborough

Gratka, Polish supermarket in Walthamstow, one of the businesses we have supported through Covid-19 in our 'Choose Local. Support Everyone.' campaign. Image taken before masks became compulsory in retail and hospitality.

Aim to make Blackhorse Lane accredited Creative Enterprise Zone

The Council values and want to bolster our unique creative economy, and an exploration of the Blackhorse Lane area reveals its attraction to an increasing number of creative enterprises, freelancers and makers.

We are working in partnership with cultural industry experts, Nordicity and Creative United to develop a strategy which will secure the long-term development of the Creative

Enterprise Zone (CEZ), Blackhorse Lane.

CEZs are an initiative from the London Mayor which enable local authorities, creative industries and institutions to put in place the projects, policies and support needed to preserve and grow the local creative economy.

As the creative sector recovers from the impact of Covid-19 it is an opportunity to reimagine these creative opportunities in The Blackhorse Lane area and to

establish long-term support amongst peers, stakeholders and the Council.

The Council is also working with the Greater London Authority to design an accreditation process for future CEZs and will become accredited in 2021 as part of these developments.

More info

If you are interested to learn more, please email louise.ward@walthamforest.gov.uk



Shamil Joomun of Armstrong Audio, an Audio Repair Workshop and Speciality Coffee Shop based within the Creative Enterprise Zone, Blackhorse Lane. Image taken before masks became compulsory in retail and hospitality.

Credit: Jenna Selby

Dedicated support programme launched

In August, Waltham Forest Council commissioned national organisation, SaveTheHighStreet.org – joining forces with local community champions across the borough to create 'Save The High Street Waltham Forest'.

Local independent high street businesses and market traders now have access to a wide range of free, personalised and expert support to achieve their potential in 2020.

Every week, the team is producing and recording two

webinars on topics such as local collaborations, social media for local businesses, delivering sustainability and much more. These webinars are freely available on the website below, for all businesses in Waltham Forest.

Business owners, any local community champions, landlords with high street interests or start-ups keen to sell their products or services

locally are encouraged to get in touch.

Diverse, thriving high streets benefit us all and the next few months will be critical for our town centres. Everyone in Waltham Forest can play a role by helping spread the word about Save The High Street Waltham Forest and making the decision to Choose Local. Support Everyone.

More info

You can find out more and register for free at SaveTheHighStreet.org/Waltham-Forest



Deeney's in Leyton is one of the businesses signed up to Save The High Street's support scheme

Credit: Jon Attenborough

Forging ahead

The Council launched its Forge Fashion project this month, which will support a mix of new and existing businesses from across the fashion and textiles industries.

Each participant will gain a better understanding of the strengths in their businesses, tailored sessions with expert advisors, the chance to extend their network through events and collaboration, a bespoke action plan for sustainable growth, and signposting to loads of helpful resources.

The programme kicks off in October and will finish in December 2020.

More info

To see updates on how the businesses progress, and to get involved in the growing Waltham Forest Fashion community, please follow our Instagram account [@lb.wf.fashion](#)



Lending Start Up support at Waltham Forest libraries

Have you thinking about launching a new business idea or have do so already and need support to get it off the ground?

Start-ups in London Libraries (SiLL) is designed to help aspiring entrepreneurs turn their business idea into a reality and can be a great way to get back into employment.

A network of 10 London boroughs, including Waltham Forest, is delivering grassroots support for those who want to start a business, have recently become unemployed and want to upskill, or have taken the first steps into entrepreneurship.

The programme aims to provide the skills, one to one guidance, information and know-how to build a viable enterprise. All SiLL workshops are now available as webinars, which can be accessed remotely.



More info

Check out the schedule and register here: [bl.uk/sill](#)

Have you seen our business directory?

Want to 'Choose Local' but not sure where to start?

Visit our Waltham Forest Connected business directory, Waltham Forest Connected, which lists over 360 local businesses with details of their products and services. Visit [wfconnected.org](#)

Small Business Saturday

What are your plans?

Saturday 5 December is Small Business Saturday and we want to know what your plans are. Email us at business.growth@walthamforest.gov.uk and let us know so we can share and support our small businesses further.

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Private Fostering **can work for children**

Private Fostering **can be difficult for some children**

Private Fostering **carers will be visited by a social worker**

Choose Local campaign puts businesses first



Businesses across Waltham Forest benefitted from featuring in the Council's 'Choose Local. Support Everyone.' campaign this summer, boosting their profile and helping encourage people to shop locally.

The struggles for local businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic have been significant across the UK, particularly during the lockdown period, and the Council campaign has shown ways the Waltham Forest community can support and benefit by shopping locally.

An initial nine local businesses featured as part of the Choose Local initiative, on different

platforms across the borough.

From brilliant high street shops such as *Leytonstone Mini Market* and *Grace and Alberts* in Highams Park – to thirst-quenching soft drinks business, *Square Root Soda* and fab furniture maker, *thinkFOUND* on Leyton industrial estates, we are proud to reflect the diverse range of businesses in the borough.

You can read all their stories on our website, as well as interviews with Delroy, owner of delicious Walthamstow Caribbean restaurant, *Rhythm Kitchen*; Walthamstow Market's mainstay trader, Mohammed; Kim, manager of *Cancer Research in Chingford*; Dogan, manager of Polish supermarket,

Gratka; and great local plumber, Manzoor.

Adrienne, co-owner of *Leytonstone Mini Market*, said she was: "...honestly very touched to be included in the campaign" and other businesses shared their positive feedback Choose Local initiative.

Fizzy Dawson, of furniture designer *James UK*, said: "The Choose Local campaign is fantastic for the borough. Waltham Forest is an inspiring area for local businesses and to see such strong support from the Council to encourage the residents to support local is incredibly appreciated at this time."

Survey shows huge preference for local businesses

The Council's Choose Local survey received more than 500 responses.



87 per cent said they supported local businesses before the Covid-19 pandemic, with **49 per cent** of total respondents saying the crisis has led to them doing so more often.

A huge number of respondents (85 per cent) said Covid-19 had increased their chances of shopping locally, with over **88 per cent** having a favourable opinion of local businesses.

Read the interviews: walthamforest.gov.uk/chooselocalwf

The word from our local businesses...



◀ **Mohammed, Walthamstow Market:**
"I would encourage people to shop locally to support their high street and businesses and to help the community."



◀ **Robyn, Square Root Soda:**
"There's such a fantastic local community of small businesses here, all with a similar ethos. All the businesses here really support one another."

▼ **Delroy, Rhythm Kitchen:**
"You don't just want household name businesses on the high street, you need that variety. Small and big businesses need to work together to create the right mix. That will help inspire people to live in the area."



◀ **Chris, thinkFOUND:**
"Word of mouth recommendations are the best form of accreditation and affirmation of not just our product but our purpose too – being green and being social."



◀ **Manzoor, Manzoor Plumbing:**
"It's very important for our community to use local builders, electricians and tradespeople. If we place our trust in the local community, that's the way we can lift it up."



▲ **Dogan, Gratka:**
"When the pandemic happened, it showed the importance of shopping locally. High streets are in trouble. Without people supporting local businesses, high streets and town centres will become ghost towns."



▲ **Kim, Cancer Research UK:**
"Shopping local is about more than where you spend your money. Visiting high streets is about interacting with the local area. It creates atmosphere and a buzz where people of different ages and backgrounds cross paths, meet each other and feel a sense of community."



▲ **Abi, Grace and Albert:**
"People's concern for this business has been palpable and that is the best feeling. The number of people who popped their head through the door to ask how we were doing was amazing."



▲ **Adrienne, Leytonstone Mini Market:**
"Leytonstone really has such a strong community feel. Whatever you want to try and whatever you want to do, you can do it here."

Local charities support residents through lockdown and beyond

Following a full bidding and grant process, seven local charities were awarded funds in March as part of the Connecting Community's Community Bank initiative.

Faced with a need to remodel their programmes in response to Covid-19, all have been supporting vulnerable residents to overcome challenges exacerbated by lockdown online. Through Connecting Communities, 600 organisations have come together in a new way of working to tackle local issues and shared challenges.

We caught up managers and participants on three of these projects.

Youth led charity **Break Tha Cycle** launched 'Parents With

Power' to equip parents and carers with tools and knowledge to support children at risk of school or social exclusion and vulnerability to exploitation. Kasima said:

"We didn't know how much interest there would be, but we've been oversubscribed with 22 parents signing up. Not only have we held coaching sessions to help parents maintain their mental wellbeing and deal with the unique challenges they face in a personalised manner, but we're delighted that parents are becoming friends and confidants to one another. With every week sessions are becoming more open and collaborative. Parents are beginning to direct what sessions should focus on – it's great they're

getting so much out of it."

Through craft building workshops, **E17 Puppet Project** – who believe in the power of the arts to change people's lives – has helped adults with mental health conditions experiencing isolation come together. One participant said about the sessions:

"I instantly felt part of the group. The joy I felt took me back to when I was younger and more carefree.

The freedom of not worrying about other stuff was liberating and I haven't enjoyed myself so much like that for a very long time. This course is about sharing ideas and feeling part of a friendship group. For anyone feeling down and alone this group offers friendship and a safe space online."



THE MAN DEN

Inspirational and amazing
Are just two of many words to describe the Man Den who
Are a very special thing
They won't let anyone be sad,
Upliftment and encouragement
Is all you will have

These mentors have made me joyful day after day
So now I have just a few things to say
From quizzes to icebreakers
To team games and inspirational man makers
The Man Dens great competitions and knowledge made us
All physical and mental prize takers

You've put a smile on my face every week,
And have been consistently sweet,
So now as I thank you and my poem comes to an end
I just want to say...

YOU'RE THE BEST MAN DEN

By Remario G, aged 10



Talented young poet, Remario thanks The Man Den

Mentors always find time to support

The Man Den normally help young men meet male mentor figures through board games like Kahoot and Pictionary, and are continuing to do so digitally. They also offer motivational sessions and one-to-one support for young people aged eight to 11-years-old to build confidence. The Man Den's Kevin Kankam said:

"Connecting young men with male mentors who understand what they might be going through has worked well digitally and we're delighted by feedback from parents and kids. We can't wait to start bringing physical groups together, but with eight to 12 people attending every session, it's great that they know that The Man Den is there for them. Let's stay connected – we understand and are with you every step of the way."

Check them out:

- **Break Tha Cycle:**
[facebook.com/breakthacycle1](https://www.facebook.com/breakthacycle1)
- **E17 Puppet Project:**
[e17puppetproject.org.uk](https://www.e17puppetproject.org.uk)
- **The Man Den:**
[themanden.uk.com](https://www.themanden.uk.com)



Turn over for the Community Bank project with Ive Farm Community Garden



Growing together

As part of the Community Bank, Ive Farm Community Garden is launching a project this month which is open for all residents to learn to grow food together.

The project aims to prioritise residents who wish to connect with nature, but currently lack the expertise and access to do so in a socially distanced manner, helping to boost mental health and learn new skills.



Gardeners Alex and Ken, at the entrance of Ive Community Farm. Workshops run in collaboration with Organiclea, a food-growing co-operative based in Chingford



The workshops, together with Organiclea will help you grow your own

More info

For more details and to register as a resident who wishes to learn how to grow food, email: ivefarmcommunity@aol.com

Financial assistance

If you require financial relief or assistance, we may be able to help. We know that it is a difficult time for many people so have pulled together a list of useful links and advice if you are struggling with money.

This could range from housing payments, help with paying Council Tax, or welfare assistance for bills or food. We have also set up a Rapid Employment Service to support residents affected by Covid-19. It is for those who may have recently lost their jobs, are at risk of being made redundant or are self-employed and struggling.

More info

More about how to recognise and avoid scams and fraud at bit.ly/stopscamsWF

If you need help then contact the team on **020 8496 4182** between 10am to 4pm or email stepsintowork@walthamforest.gov.uk with your name and contact details. Visit our website for options and support at bit.ly/WFResFinance

Stay vigilant

Whatever your circumstances, it is important to be aware that scammers are targeting people in increasingly sophisticated ways. Residents should stay vigilant against fraud, not only for themselves but also vulnerable family members that could be at risk.



Flu vaccination: who should have it this winter and why

The flu vaccine is the best protection we have against an unpredictable virus that can cause unpleasant illness in children and severe illness and death among at-risk groups, including older people, pregnant woman and people with an underlying physical health condition.

This year the flu vaccine is being offered on the NHS to:

- Adults 65 and over
- People with certain medical conditions (including children in at-risk ground from six months of age)
- Pregnant women
- People living with someone who is at high risk from Covid-19 (on the NHS shielded patient list)
- Children aged two to 11-years-old
- Frontline health or social care workers

While getting the flu jab does not protect against Covid-19, it offers peace of mind by reducing your risk of suffering severe flu symptoms, better protects others around you and eases pressure on local health services by limiting any serious flu outbreaks this winter. Act ahead to protect yourself and others and remind at-risk family and friends to consider having theirs.

You can have your NHS flu vaccine at you local GP surgery, a local pharmacy offering the service or a midwifery service if they offer it for pregnant women. If you have your flu vaccine at a pharmacy, you do not have to inform a GP, it is up to the pharmacist to do that.

Why Sharon will have her flu jab

Sharon has lived with Type 2 Diabetes for 15 years and has been having the flu jab for the past five years at her local GP Practice.

Why do you think the flu jab is important?

"It protects me physically but also gives me peace of mind that I'm doing what I can to protect myself and others from a potentially serious illness."

What would you say to anyone who can't find the time or is uncertain whether to get one?

"It only takes three minutes to have the flu jab and you can barely feel the jab when it happens! I have never regretted having the flu jab and always recommend it to my friends and family!"



The flu jab gives Sharon protection and peace of mind

More info

Learn more about the flu jab and how to access it here: nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/

Street art bringing communities together



If you have passed the junction of Canning Road and Palmerston Road in Walthamstow, you might have seen Steve already. Or perhaps you have met him in person – known in Waltham Forest and beyond for his work as founder of Project Zero, Steve is being celebrated in a new mural by Wood Street Walls for his lifelong commitment to youth engagement work.

Steve spoke about some of the community projects that he is best known for, and most proud:

Steve Barnabis on being a force for change in Waltham Forest.

“When I was at college, I worked on drama projects where I went into schools, hospitals and prisons. This led to me going to America to work with young people involved in gangs.

My cousin was killed through knife crime in 2004, so I decided to set up the Soul Project on Wood Street, to focus on engaging young people in positive activities.”

Soul Project on Wood Street

“The Soul Project was a space where parents could come with children to play, whilst they relaxed and had a coffee. There was second space geared towards older kids.

In 2018, the landlord sold premises to a property developer, we didn't have £4.5 million needed to buy the building, so the Soul Project came to an end.”

Tackling youth violence through Project Zero

“For young people to take us seriously, we need to take them seriously – this means delivering high-quality creative programmes which focus on youth-orientated interests, like street art, music technology and filmmaking.

We ask in return that young people take a focused approach to their work, with the reasoning that if they want to make careers in these creative industries, they need to understand what it is to act professionally, be on time and meet deadlines.

If we provide them with experience that shows them what they are capable of, it gives them the reason they need to stay off the streets and focus on what gives them pride.”

Violence Reduction Partnership

“I co-chair the Violence Reduction Partnership Strengthen strand, which is about building community resilience, alongside Waltham Forest's Director of Public Health, Joe McDonnell.

There are a lot of small organisations and committed volunteers all over the borough working with young people, teaching them new skills, mentoring and supporting them, keeping them off the streets and safe. But not all these organisations know about each other, which is an issue that Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) helps to address.

The VRP puts an emphasis on partnership working, joining up organisations so we can share and learn from each other. The more knowledge there is around what is out there and what activities young people can access, the more confident people feel in sending their kids out, knowing that they are safe, cared for and doing interesting things that benefit them.”

Canning Road mural

“I'm honoured by the mural on Canning Road, which was completed in July.

The mural came about through conversation with Mark from Wood Street Walls and artist Gabriel Pitcher, who connects his paintings with Change for Good, a charity that works to break the cycle of re-offending.”

More info

Project Zero are engaging young people in positive activity. More info: projectzero.co.uk and woodstreetwalls.co.uk
Artist Gabriel Pitcher
[@gabrielpitcher](https://twitter.com/gabrielpitcher)



Steve Barnabis on Canning Street

Credit: Gabriel Pitcher.

The big picture

Wood Street E17 has quietly become the epicentre of street art in Waltham Forest.

It builds on an artistic legacy sparked by William Morris – whose principle, ‘art made by the people and for the people’ holds strong today – and is inspired by iconic venues like God's Own Junkyard, whose inspirational founder Chris Bracey, now deceased, is immortalised in a mural gracing the corner of Vallentin Road, near Wood Street station.

Street art collective Wood Street Walls is based in the area and work with communities across Waltham Forest to create striking murals and large-scale visual projects. They recently completed a project in coordination with Channel 4 and the National Citizenship Programme, working with 18-year-old Moses Musana to refresh Bisterne Avenue park's basketball court.

More info

Visit: woodstreetwalls.co.uk

Credit: High Flying Drone Shots



Bisterne Avenue park basketball court. Artwork by Static, curated by Wood Street Walls.



Portrait of Neon artist Chris Bracey, the inspirational figure behind God's Own Junkyard

Loft more space for residents

Waltham Forest Council is marking completion of its 50th home extension, part of a £60 million programme of improving living standards across all our council housing stock.

The Leyton home of the Hobbs family is the 50th residence to be extended, working with our contractor, Aston Group.

Robert and Linda Hobbs together with their two sons were living in an overcrowded two bedroom home. The loft conversion has created a new bedroom and second bathroom.

Robert said: "It's brilliant. The Council have made life easier for me and my family. We have more room and it's like a different house."

The shortage of larger, family homes is a challenge

for many local authorities, including Waltham Forest.

Cllr Louise Mitchell, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness Prevention said: "This programme of loft conversions and extensions addresses a pressing need for families, providing them with the additional space they need to live comfortably and relieving overcrowding without them having to move home.

"This is one part of our ambitious housing strategy. Alongside our plans to build new homes we are investing £60 million in improving our existing council homes, including installing 1,200 new kitchens, 2,500 new bathrooms and 1,400 new central heating systems."

Contractors Aston Group has developed a method to complete the extension

works which minimises the disruption to the families during the conversions.

As part of the works, fire and building safety standards in the properties are upgraded and insulation work completed to improve energy efficiency, providing safer and more energy-efficient homes, which is part of our work to tackle the Climate Emergency.

As well as providing families with a refreshed, appropriately-sized property, the works have substantially added value to Waltham Forest's housing stock, creating an approximate increase in the stock value to £6.4million on a project spend of £3.3million.

Plans are in place to continue the programme to help more families across the borough.



Robert and Linda Hobbs at home

Park it safely

Residents have welcomed the installation of new Bikehangars on 11 of our housing estates across the borough.

The Bikehangars are available to rent for the residents, encouraging them to adopt active transport by providing a safe, secure place to leave their bicycles close to their home.

The facilities are now installed on the Avenue Estate, North Birkbeck Road Estate, Aldriche Way Estate, Essex Close Estate, Tenby Court, Attlee Terrace, The Grange Estate, Stocksfield Road Estate, Granleigh Road Estate, St Andrews Court Estate and at the independent living scheme, Downland Court.

Residents living on the estates will be given preferential status for the spaces.

Keegan Goodman, cyclist and young resident on the Aldriche Way Estate, which now has space for secure bike storage said: "Bikehangars are really good, especially for residents who haven't got anywhere to store their bikes."

Residents of Powel Court – a block adjacent to Attlee Terrace

where a Bikehangar has been installed, also benefit. Resident, Lajos, welcomed the scheme: "People can park their bikes without worrying now."

As well as the health and environmental benefits of encouraging cycling, the Bikehangars will help reduce the issue of residents parking their bikes in corridors, which creates building safety issues.

Cllr Louise Mitchell, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness Prevention, said: "Encouraging cycling is not only about improving the health and well-being of our residents and young people, it is improving the health and environment of our estates, with fewer cars, less parking congestion and less pollution."

More info

Cyclists can go online to book their space which are available for a very low annual charge. Go to portal.walthamforest.gov.uk/service/Bike_Hangar_Register_Interest



"People can park their bikes without worrying now."



One of the brand-new Bikehangars

Lajos (pictured on the left) with friend Jo and their bikes

Gain new skills for work and your wellbeing

Whether your employment circumstances have changed due to Covid-19 or you need learning support to make a fresh start, remember it is never too late to change career direction, update your skills or learn something new.

Boost your employability with free jobs advice, gain a formal qualification, or become an apprentice at Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service (ALS).

From computer skills to childcare – courses can be as short as an hour or run over several weeks. Courses are free or up to 70 per cent off depending on your circumstances. Most art, craft, gardening, community and family learning courses can be booked online.

Book your free course assessment

If you are unsure what level you are at, or which skills you need, our friendly team are expertly equipped to help you find the right course and training during your free course assessment.

To book an assessment, please call **020 8496 2974**, email adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk or visit www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk



Start your learning journey here

Information, advice and guidance

Our experienced staff offer impartial help and advice to help you make decisions about your learning. We will also explain about additional learning and financial support that you may be entitled to. The ALS supports next step options including career development and learning with other providers.



The friendly ALS team are ready to help

Your learning and Covid-19 safety

Adult Learning Service courses and training are a mix of online and classroom-based learning. The team has worked hard to ensure learning centres meet Covid-19 safety guidelines. There is new safety signage at our buildings, and you will also need to book an appointment before you visit. Read more: www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk



The way to learning safely

Cut and tint practice: Safe learning in our salon

Our ALS tutors recently showed hair and beauty learners how to practise their new skills safely. Learners Xhuljana and Ledina practised on family members at our fully equipped salon. Our staff sanitised the area after each client and complied with all government guidelines.



New skills, new look in the salon

Book a hair and beauty course

Our courses include hairdressing, threading, makeup and complementary therapies. Enrol or book an assessment today: www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk

The numbers add up: Success despite the lockdown

At the ALS, we physically closed our learning centres in March following government guidance due to Covid-19. We moved from face-to-face classes to remote learning. Despite this shift in ways of working, many of our learners have successfully completed their courses.



Hemre shows that commitment pays off

Hemre started maths classes with the ALS four years ago, working her way up from entry level. Previously, she had worked in fashion design but was looking for a new career with more convenient hours to suit her family life. She wanted to get into teaching, but this needed the right GCSE qualifications.

After a free assessment with ALS staff, Hemre joined an entry level maths class. She moved up a level each year, and this

year successfully completed her GCSE Maths course (with the last two months delivered online). She now wants to gain a science GCSE before studying for a teaching qualification.

Hemre described her classes as brilliant, friendly and supportive. She has overcome her fear of maths and can now confidently help her son with his homework. She is firmly on track towards her new teaching career.

Book a free maths or English course

From functional skills to GCSE, our English and maths courses are free for most residents. You will need to do a free assessment before you can enrol. Please call **020 8496 2974** or email adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk for more information.

Confidence and a career with an apprenticeship

Jack is a Level 2 Business Administration Apprentice. He explains how apprentice training and on-the-job experience has worked for him:

“I was unsure what it would be like when I first started working as an apprentice. I was quite nervous without much experience of working within a team. The training I received

made me feel more competent and I have found working as a part of the Council engaging and rewarding.



An apprenticeship offers a fulfilling route forward

“I’ve had to adapt since lockdown – that includes working from home with a Council laptop and headset, handling calls from borough residents with a wide range of problems, from housing enquiries to births and deaths. I have also now developed a very good telephone manner.

“As part of my apprenticeship, I am studying for a Level 2 qualification in Business Administration via the Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service. Before lockdown, this meant attending college and meeting other apprentices. I really enjoyed the interactions with the other apprentices and being part of such an outstanding environment, the experiences shared, and the lectures. I’m proud to say that I work for Waltham Forest Council.”

Get a new job: Become an apprentice

If you are over 16-years-old and want to earn while you learn, the ALS apprenticeship programme could be for you. The programme offers guided support for roles in business, customer service and teaching. Email apprenticeships.als@walthamforest.gov.uk or visit www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk for more information.

Thank you tonnes for recycling

A new recycling service launched on 2 March this year, giving residents the opportunity to get household batteries, textiles and small electrical items picked up from their doorstep, along with the rest of their recycling on collection day.

The response has been phenomenal, with the amounts of recycling collected exceeding the Council's expectations for the first six months of the service. We are now recycling more than ever before and want to thank residents for helping make this happen.

From March to August 2020, Waltham Forest's hard-working bin collection crews picked up over one tonne of domestic batteries, four tonnes of small electrical items and a whopping seven tonnes of textiles including clothes and shoes.

After the items are collected, they are taken to the borough's depot to be sorted. Clothing and small electricals that are in good enough condition are reused, while everything else is recycled.

Cllr Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet

Member for the Environment, said: "We're passionate about finding innovative ways to increase the amount we can reuse and recycle in the borough and the popularity of this new service goes to show that our residents feel the same."

"We're the first London borough to offer this service, which we've been able to do by making modifications to our collection vehicles that allow them to pick up these extra items and keep them separate from the normal recycling. We've just been blown away by the response and we intend to keep going, keep building on our progress and keep making it as easy as possible for our residents to recycle."

To have household batteries, small electrical items like toasters or kettles, clothing and shoes picked up from your doorstep, simply leave them in a normal plastic bag on top of your green recycling bin on collection day.

More info

To find out more, go to walthamforest.gov.uk/recyclemore

Get your recycling right



The amount collected from March to August this year



Adventures with Suntrap

As the Suntrap Forest Centre continues its £4.5 million refurbishment, the team – and Suntrap's animals – have stayed busy.

Suntrap stars, Sasha the tortoise and Cynthia the cornsnake made regular online 'live' appearances as part of Waltham Forest's Virtual Programme which provided a wide range of fun activities online for children at home over summer.

The borough's ZED (zero emission delivery) scheme also used cargo bikes and electric vehicles to drop off Suntrap outdoor adventure bags to

19 local schools as part of the Council's Holiday Activity Programme.

The adventure bags – including a trusty compass, binoculars, activity sheets and more – were designed to build excitement around getting 'back to nature' and offer young people both an outdoor learning experience and a fun, enriching distraction from the challenges they have been dealing with in recent months.

Maretha Cilliers, Deputy Headteacher at Thomas Gamuel Primary School, one of the schools who received adventure bags said: "This looks very

exciting! Thank you for the huge effort for making this happen for our children."

The Suntrap team continue outdoor learning school consultancy and training, together with championing important environmental and wildlife issues whilst they prepare for their reopening later this year – watch this space.

More info

Find out latest updates, more on how the centre will be supporting the environment and tons of nature project ideas at suntrapcentre.co.uk



Local Pupils at Coppermill Primary School with their adventure bags (image taken of children in same 'bubble')



A bag full of adventure

Wetlands hits record

Since opening in October 2017, the Walthamstow Wetlands has welcomed over one million visitors.

With a space spanning ten reservoirs, a diversity of rare and resident wildlife and an industrial history dating back to the 19th century, Europe's largest urban wetland nature reserve has proved a popular destination during these testing times.

Although events and volunteering activities have been temporarily paused, the site has still welcomed approximately 240,000 visits from March to June – a 140 per cent rise in visits from this time last year.

As a Thames Water operational site supplying clean drinking water to 3.5 million people daily, a nature reserve and an open space with free public access, the Wetlands continues to face challenges in balancing various uses of the site during the pandemic.

Opening hours have been restricted to allow Thames Water teams to operate safely onsite, and the Engine House and Coppermill Tower have been closed as well as the car park (except for blue badge holders). Through dedicated partnership working the Council, London Wildlife Trust and Thames Water have successfully kept the nature reserve open throughout for all to enjoy.

To ensure the site can continue to remain open, visitors must continue to respect the site rules, observing social distancing, no alcohol, no dogs and no approaching the water. By working together, we can ensure that The Wetlands can continue to provide a place of respite for both people and wildlife to share.

Open daily from 10.30am to 5pm. Accessible to all.

walthamstowwetlands.com

Remember to place your bins at the edge of your property

in time for your collection, otherwise they will not be collected.



*this does not apply to properties on our supported bin collection service.

LET'S GET IT RIGHT GET THE RECYCLING BIN EMPTIED...

DON'T PLACE RECYCLING IN BLACK BAGS



Find out more about our services at walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling

SEE WHERE THE ITEMS SHOULD GO...



Put these items in a tied-up carrier bag ON TOP of the recycling bin



There is still time to start

YOUR LifeChanging EXPERIENCE



#Create Your Future Online and On Campus

ENROLLING NOW

We have a wide range of courses for 16-19 year olds and adult learners.
Visit the College weekdays to see the courses we have available.

NOVEMBER OPEN EVENTS

The way we host our open events will be a little different this year. To create your future and stay up-to-date with dates, times and when to register, visit our website and follow us on social media.

For information visit our website:

www.waltham.ac.uk

Follow us to keep up-to-date:



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Planning

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST Notice of Application for Planning Permission
Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (England) Order 2015
Notice under Article 15
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

Application no:	Applicant Name	Site Address:
202405	c/o Agent	639 and 643-649 High Road, Leyton, London, E10 6RF
202561	c/o Agent	Standard Music Venue The Tryst, 1 Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow, London, E17 6DS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990- Section 67
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application affecting a building within a conservation area has been made to the Council.

Application no:	Applicant Name	Site Address:
202456	C/O Agent	51 Beulah Road, London, E17 9LG
202483	C/O Agent	59 Orford Road, Walthamstow, E17 9NJ
202517	C/O Agent	27A Orford Road, Walthamstow, E17 9NL
202333	C/O Agent	31 Bemsted Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 5JY
202568	C/O Agent	1 Elm Terrace, Woodford Green, IG8 0UP

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990- Section 67
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Notice is Hereby Given that the following application affecting a Listed Building has been made to the Council.

Application no:	Applicant Name	Site Address:
202510	C/O Agent	"Foster Hall", Wellesley Road, Walthamstow, London E17 8QX
201828	C/O Agent	Thorpe Coombe Hospital, 714 Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 3HP

The applications are available to view on the following website:
<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/search-planning-applications>
Any views you would like to make for the above proposals, must be submitted in writing to the Council within 21 days of the date of this Notice. Due to the number of correspondence (letters, emails etc) received by the Council relating to planning applications, it will not be possible to acknowledge or respond to your correspondences should you submit any. However, all views/comments received are fully considered during the assessment of the planning application. Please note that the planning file, including correspondence received for the application, **are open** to the public.
Dated this day **24th September 2020**
Justin Carr
Assistant Director – Development Management and Building Control
London Borough of Waltham Forest

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST Notice of Application for Planning Permission
Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (England) Order 2015
Notice under Article 15
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council and that the application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Application no:	Applicant Name	Site Address:
202512	c/o Agent	Homebase, 2c Fulbourne Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 4EE

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Legal Notice

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2012
Waltham Forest Local Plan (LP2) - Draft Site Allocations Document

Consultation Notice

Waltham Forest Council has published a Draft Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) for consultation. When adopted, this will represent Part 2 of the Council's Local Plan complementing the Strategic Policies DPD, which is Part 1 of the Local Plan. The Site Allocations Document identifies sites with potential for redevelopment over the next 15 years.

Publication of the Draft Site Allocations DPD is in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. This represents the first round of public consultation on the preparation of a Development Plan Document.

The Council is inviting representations on the Draft Site Allocations Document. Comments made will be carefully considered before the next iteration of the Plan is prepared for final consultation. We want to hear your views on the proposals contained in the document and whether you agree with the Council's preferred approach. The consultation period runs from Friday 25 September to Monday 14 December 2020.

The Draft Site Allocations Document is available for inspection at the following locations during the consultation period:

- Waltham Forest Town Hall, Magistrates Court, London E17 4NX
- Waltham Forest Branch Libraries
- By downloading from the Council's website: walthamforest.gov.uk/LocalPlan
- For viewing and sending online representations/comments at walthamforest-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal

A programme of public consultation events is published on the Council's website: walthamforest.gov.uk/LocalPlan

Comments on the document must be received by **5pm on Monday 14 December 2020**. Should you wish to discuss any issues or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Policy Team by:
Email: planning.policy@walthamforest.gov.uk

Tel: 020 8496 3000

Alternatively, you can write to us at: Planning Policy Team, Magistrates Court, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 4NX

Representations

Please note all comments will be held by the Council and will be available to view publicly. Comments cannot be treated as confidential. Your personal information such as your postal and e-mail address will not be published, but your name and organisation (if relevant) will.

London Borough of Waltham Forest maintains a database of consultees who wish to be kept informed about the Local Plan. In responding to this consultation your contact details will automatically be added to the consultation database (if not already held). If you do not want to be contacted about future Local Plan consultations, please state this in your response.

Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

THE WALTHAM FOREST (VARIOUS ROADS) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 2) ORDER 2020

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that on 24th September 2020 it made an Order to allow for the installation and removal of street lighting by Riney Street Lighting LTD in a safe and efficient manner in various roads (T26(20)).
2. The general effect of the Order would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to restrict vehicles from waiting or loading for any purpose between 08:00 hrs and 16:00hrs Mondays to Fridays in the roads or parts of roads mentioned in the Schedule to this Notice:
3. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.
4. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:
 - (a) in connection with the said works; or
 - (b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes.
5. The Order will come into operation on 24th September 2020 for a period of 18 months, or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

NOTE: These works would not be carried out simultaneously in all roads but in a sequence as directed by the Council. Leaflets would be distributed and signage placed in advance of any works in the roads mentioned in this notice which would give more specific details on the exact dates of the restrictions and effects of any temporary traffic management.

Dated 24th September 2020

Mr K Valavan, Director of Highways and Traffic Management, Resident Services, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

Schedule (E10, E11 & E17 streets)

ATKINS ROAD E10. BELMONT PARK ROAD E10. KNOTTS GREEN ROAD E10. NORLINGTON ROAD E10
RHODESIA ROAD E11. SAMANTHA CLOSE E17. ST ANNES ROAD E11. ST HELIERS ROAD E10.
WILLIAM STREET E10

Lansdowne Road E17	QB CPZ	from the border of 76/74, in front of 76
Merton Road E17	SB CPZ	from the border of 7/9, in front of 7
Granville Road E17	BA CPZ	from the border of 50/52, in front of 50
Pendlestone Road E17	BA CPZ	from the border of 11/9, in front of 11
Brunel Road E17	LH CPZ	south of No. 31 in the first space of the lined parking bay
Markhouse Avenue E17	SJP CPZ	from the border of 112/114, in front of 112
Hartington Road E17	SJP CPZ	from the border of 46/44, in front of 46; and from the border of 115/113, in front of 115 (x2 hangars)
Clacton Road E17	SJP CPZ	from the border of 103/105, in front of 103
Lynmouth Road E17	SJP CPZ	from the border of 58/56, in front of 58; and from the border of 117/119, in front of 117 (x2 hangars)
Mansfield Road E17	MW CPZ	from the border of 2/2a, in front of 2
Elmsdale Road E17	MW CPZ	from the border of 4/2b, in front of 4
Buxton Road E17	MW CPZ	from the border of 69b/67, in front of 69b
Pretoria Avenue E17	MW CPZ	from the end of the double yellow line, in front of 8
Northcote Road E17	MW CPZ	from the border of 198/196, in front of 198; from the border of 67/65, in front of 67 and from the border of 88/90, in front of 88 (x3 hangars)
Somers Road E17	MW CPZ	from the border of 80/78, in front of 80
Southcote Road E17	MW CPZ	from the border of 99/101, in front of 99
Haroldstone Road E17	MW CPZ	from the border of 38/40, in front of 38
Glenthorne Road E17	MW CPZ	from the border of 55/53, in front of 55
Hazelwood Road E17	MW CPZ	from the border of 67/69, in front of 67
Browns Road E17	HS CPZ	from the end of the yellow line, in front of 53
Tyndall Road E10	GGW CPZ	in front of 93 bordering 95a
Coppermill Lane E17	CML CPZ	from the border of 104/106, in front of 104; from the border of 147/145, in front of 147; and from the border of 23/25, in front of 23 (x3 hangars)
Salop Road E17	CML CPZ	from the border of 59/61, in front of 59
Morland Road E17	CML CPZ	from the border of 11/9, in front of 11; and from the border of 3/1, in front of 3 (x2 hangars)
Hervey Park Road E17	BL CPZ	from the border of 4/6, in front of 4
Suffolk Park Road E17	BL CPZ	from the border of 14/12, in front of 14
Walpole Road E17	BL CPZ	from the border of 47/45, in front of 47
Canning Road E17	BL CPZ	from the border of 14/16, in front of 14
Edward Road E17	BR CPZ	from the border of 37/35, in front of 37; from the border of 149/153, in front of 149; and from the border of 118/120, in front of 118 (x3 hangars)

Note: The Orders are necessary to make space for the provision of secure bicycle parking structures for residents who do not have the space and/or ability to securely park bicycles in or within a reasonable distance from their home.

* The parking spaces to be displaced will default to a single yellow line waiting restriction operating to the times and days of the CPZ where the cycle hangar will be provided.
The parking spaces to be displaced may be changed to any permit parking location within a 50-metre radius of the original proposal. The extents of any permit parking placement in any section of the road mentioned above will still result in reduction of permit parking space of 3 metres.

**The previous proposal to displace parking space by a cycle hangar in:

**Edinburgh Road E17	MH CPZ	from the border of 23/25, in front of 23; and from the border of 66/68, in front of 66 (x2 hangars)
**Hatherley Road E17	HST CPZ	from the border of 62A/60, in front of 62A; and from the border of 65/63, in front of 65 (x2 hangars)
**Cleveland Park Crescent E17	WSC CPZ	from the border of 46/48, in front of 46
**Cleveland Park Avenue E17	WSC CPZ	from the border of 2/4, in front of 2; and from the border of 19/17, in front of 19 (x2 hangars)
**Folkestone Road E17	WSC CPZ	from the border of 17/15, in front of 17
**Stainforth Road E17	WSC CPZ	from the border of 36/34, in front of 36
**Westbury Road E17	WSC CPZ	from the border of 19/21, in front of 19
**Woodbury Road E17	WSC CPZ	from the border of 59/57, in front of 59

are deferred until further notice; and at a future date, will either be made as previously proposed, amended or abandoned.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

PARKING PLACE AMENDMENTS

CHANGES TO EXISTING PARKING PLACES IN CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES (CPZ)

(Note: This notice is about reducing the length of certain parking places in the roads described below so as to allow for the installation of secure bicycle parking structures instead.) (T24(20))

The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No. 54) Order 2020

The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions)(AMENDMENT NO. 54) ORDER 2020

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 24th September 2020 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Orders will be to reduce by 3 metres the length of either permit or pay by phone parking space* adjacent residential homes in the Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) mentioned below to allow for the provision of secure bicycle parking structures on the highway (as authorized under section 63 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Kettlebaston Road E10	LBR CPZ	from the border of 12/14, in front of 12 and from the border of 66 in front of 64/62 (x2 hangars)
Clementina Road E10	LBR CPZ	from the border of 82, in front of 78/80
Morieux Road E10	LBR CPZ	from the border of 110/108, in front of 110 and from the border of 66/64, in front of 66 (x2 hangars)
Bloxhall Road E10	LBR CPZ	from the border of 73/77, in front of 73; and from the border of (92/90)/(94/96), in front of 94/96 (x2 hangars)
Seymour Road E10	LBR CPZ	from the border of 22/20, in front of 22
Blyth Road E17	LBR CPZ	from the border of 11/13, in front of 11; and from the border of 128/126, in front of 128 (x2 hangars)
Malta Road E10	MR CPZ	from the border of 13/15, in front of 13
Shortlands Road E10	MR CPZ	from the border of 33/35, in front of 33
Sunnyside Road E10	GS CPZ	from the border of 13/15, in front of 13
Theydon Street E17	TS CPZ	from the border of 15/17, in front of 15; and from the border of 18/16, in front of 18 (x2 hangars)
Wetherden Street E17	TS CPZ	from the border of 12/14, in front of 12
Harris Street E17	TS CPZ	from the border of 30/28, in front of 30
Boundary Road E17	QB CPZ	from the border of 13/11, in front of 13
Bowdon Road E17	QB CPZ	from the border of 11/13, in front of 11
Farmilo Road E17	QB CPZ	from the border of 76/78, in front of 76

- Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation from 24th September 2020 and all other relevant documents can be inspected on request by emailing enjoy@walthamforest.gov.uk during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive or online at: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations> until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date.
- If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the 1984 Act, or that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order is made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 24th September 2020

Mr. K. Valavan, Director of Highways and Traffic Management, Resident Services, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

Highways

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST CHANGE FROM ADVISORY OR PROVISION OF NEW DESIGNATED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES AND AMENDMENT OF ADJACENT PARKING PLACES AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS (PHASE 7)

The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No.55) Order 2020 The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. 55) Order 2020

Parking Places) (Amendment No. 45) Order 2020

- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 24th September 2020 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- The general effect of the Orders will be:
 - to provide a designated disabled persons parking place measuring 6.6 metres in length (unless otherwise specified in the Schedule to this Notice) in each of the locations specified in the Schedule to this Notice, in most cases replacing advisory disabled persons parking places, on the carriageway, footway or both;
 - where any proposed designated disabled persons parking place referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above is longer than the advisory disabled persons parking place it is replacing or where there is no existing advisory disabled persons parking place in the proposed location, to shorten or remove any existing parking place or waiting restriction in that location by the length necessary to provide the disabled persons parking place;
 - in Higham Hill Road, E17 to convert the advisory disabled persons parking place outside Nos. 369/371 Higham Hill Road to a designated disabled persons parking place with a length of 6.6 metres (this supersedes the previous proposal to create the new disabled persons bay outside Nos. 359 and 361 Higham Hill Road displacing permit parking space);
 - in Russell Road, E17 adjacent to No. 266 Forest Road, to remove a 15 minutes free / 2 hour pay by phone parking place and replace it with a designated disabled persons parking place with a length of 6.6 metres (1 bay) and double yellow line 'at any time' waiting restrictions.
 - in Borthwick Road E15 – south-east side – outside No. 6 convert a formal disabled person's parking place to permit parking place operating Mondays to Saturdays 8am to 6.30pm for CH permit holders only; and
 - in Markmanor Avenue (MK) E17 – north east

side – convert the section of LBR permit parking space outside No. 68 MK and a section of single yellow line between the north-west facing wall of No. 68 and the south east facing wall of No. 70 to a designated disabled persons parking place 6.6 metres in length.

The previous proposal to for a disabled persons parking place outside No. 38/42 St Barnabas Road E17 is deferred until further notice; and at a future date, will either be made as previously proposed, amended or abandoned

- FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council under the same RTRA sections mentioned in item 1 made minor amendments to correct the traffic order schedule of on-street arrangements outside No. 336 High Road E11 from a permit parking place to a disabled person's parking place with a maximum stay of 3 hours and no return the same day. No changes will be made to the current on-street arrangement.
- Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation from 24th September 2020 and all other relevant documents can be inspected on request by emailing traffic.scheme@walthamforest.gov.uk during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive or online at: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations> until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date.
- Any person desiring to question the validity of either of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks of the making of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 24th September 2020

Mr. K. Valavan, Director of Highways and Traffic Management, Resident Services, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

SCHEDULE – see paragraph 2(a) above Locations of designated disabled persons parking places (locations are approximate and designated disabled persons parking places may extend in front of adjacent properties)

Outside No. 90 (1 bay) **Ainslie Wood Road**, E4; outside No. 22 (1 bay) **Albion Road**, E17; outside No. 50 (1 bay) **Armstrong Avenue**, IG8; outside No. 32 (1 bay) **Ascham End**, E17; outside No. 4 and partially outside No. 6 (1 bay) **Badlis Road** E17; outside No. 66 (1 bay) **Barclay Road**, E17; outside No. 29 (1 bay) **Beacotree Road**, E11; outside Nos. 15 to 19 (2 bays) and opposite No. 36 (1 bay) **Beechwood Drive**, IG8; outside No. 82 (1 bay) **Boardman Avenue**, E4; outside Nos. 281/283 (1 bay) **Brettenham Road**, E17; outside No. 84 (1 bay) **Bridge End**, E17; outside No. 86 (1 bay) **Brooke Road**, E17; outside Nos. 60 to 62 (2 bays) **Browning Road**, E11; outside No.

192 (1 bay, 6.7 metres) **Canterbury Road**, E10; outside No. 127 (1 bay) **Cavendish Road**, E4; outside No. 32 (1 bay) **Chadwick Road**, E11; outside **Holmfield House** (1 bay) and No. 29 (1 bay) **Chestnut Avenue North**, E17; outside No. 33 (1 bay) **Connington Crescent**, E4; outside No. 50 (1 bay) **Corbett Road**, E17; outside Nos. 48 to 52 (2 bays) **Downsell Road**, E15; outside No. 3 (1 bay) **Elphinstone Road**, E17; outside No. 8 **Nursery Terrace** (1 bay) **Epsom Road**, E10; outside No. 149 (1 bay) **Essex Road**, E10; outside No. 5a (1 bay) **Ferndale Road**, E11; outside No. 78 (1 bay) **Frith Road**, E11; outside No. 23 (1 bay) **Garfield Road**, E4; outside No. 36(1 bay) **Garner Road**, E17; outside Nos. 5 (1 bay) and 30 & 32 (2 bays) **Goodall Road**, E11; outside No. 4 (1 bay) **Gordon Road**, E15; opposite No. 150a (1 bay) **Greenway Avenue**, E17; outside No. 84 (1 bay) **Hainault Road**, E11; outside Nos. 376 and 378 (1 bay) **Hale End Road**, E4; outside No. 21 (1 bay) **Hampton Road**, E4 (also, 2 metres of advisory parking space to be removed outside the boundary of Nos. 23 and 25 **Hampton Road**); outside Flat 4 (1 angled bay 4.2 metres in length) **Higham Hill House**, The Mile End, E17; outside No. 40 (1 bay) **Knebworth Avenue**, E17; outside Nos. 48 & 50 (2 bays) and 116 (1 bay) **Leslie Road**, E11; outside No. 65 (1 bay, 6.7 metres) **Leybourne Road**, E11; outside Nos. 20 (1 bay) and 72 (1 bay) **Leyspring Road**, E11; outside No. 1 (2 bays) **Linnett Close**, E4; outside Nos. 7 to 12 and 13 to 18 (1 angled bay 4.5 metres in length) **Lucerne Grove**, E17; outside Nos. 31 & 33 (1 bay) **Lyndhurst Road**, E4 (also, 2 metres of advisory parking space to be removed outside the boundary of Nos. 23 and 25 **Lyndhurst Road**); outside No. 14 (1 bay) **Lyne Crescent**, E17; outside Nos. 12 to 19 **Acanthus Court** (1 bay) **Maude Road**, E17; outside Nos. 38 & 40 (1 bay) **McEntee Avenue**, E17; outside No. 27 (1 bay) **Morland Road**, E17; outside Nos. 52 (1 bay) **Newbury Road**, E4; outside No. 35 (1 bay) **Northcote Road**, E17; outside Nos. 195 (1 bay, 6.7 metres) and 201 (1 bay) **Odessa Road**, E7; outside No. 11 (1 bay) **Peterborough Road**, E10; outside No. 31 (1 bay) **Preston Avenue**, E4; outside No. 31 (1 bay) **Salisbury Road**, E4; outside No. 53 (1 bay) **Sandringham Road**, E10; outside No. 10 (1 bay) **Shortlands Road**, E17; outside No. 35 (1 bay) **Simmons Lane**, E4; outside No. 84 (1 bay) **Sinclair Road**, E4; outside No. 26 (1 bay) **Spencer Road**, E17; outside Nos. 35 and 37 (1 bay) and 96 (1 bay, 6.7 metres) **St John's Road**, E17; outside No. 2 (1 bay, 4.8 metres) and opposite Nos. 2 and 3 (1 bay) **Titley Close**, E4; outside No. 20 (1 bay) **Ulverston Road**, E17; outside No. 22 (1 bay) **Walpole Road**, E17; and outside No. 17 (1 bay) **Waterhall Close**, E17.

Council Meetings

Oct 2020

- 6 Oct** 7pm
Planning Committee
- 7 Oct** 3pm
Walthamstow Wetlands, Executive Decision
- 8 Oct** 2pm
at the rising of Cabinet, Shareholder Committee, 2pm Cabinet, 7.30pm Budget and Performance Scrutiny Committee
- 12 Oct** 7pm
Waltham Forest Stop and Search Group
- 13 Oct** 7.30pm
Communities Scrutiny Committee
- 15 Oct** 7.30pm
Council
- 20 Oct** 7.30pm
Housing Scrutiny Committee
- 21 Oct** 7.30pm
Health Scrutiny Committee, 2pm Pension Board

Nov 2020

- 3 Nov** 7pm
Planning Committee
- 4 Nov** 7.30pm
Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee
- 5 Nov** 2pm
Cabinet
- 11 Nov** 7.30pm
Children and Families Scrutiny Committee
- 17 Nov** 7.30pm
Growth Scrutiny Committee
- 23 Nov** 7pm
Pension Committee
- 24 Nov** 5.30pm
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education, 7pm Waltham Forest Safer Neighbourhoods Board
- 26 Nov** 7.30pm
Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee

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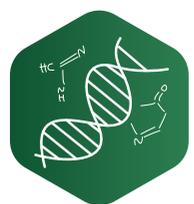
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