

15 minute neighbourhood



Here in Waltham Forest we know that old-fashioned concepts of cities do not always make people healthier and happier. We want everyone to be able to meet most, if not all, of their needs within a short walk or bike ride from their home. This will enable a deeper, stronger recovery from COVID-19 and to help foster the more local, healthy and sustainable way of life that many residents are calling for.

Residents have told us that they enjoyed having less traffic and air pollution during lockdown. Almost a quarter think that the Council should focus on the environment and the climate emergency in the long term.

This has underlined the need to keep developing our borough so that every one of our residents can easily access what they need to live a fulfilling and healthy life within their local area.

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What does this look like at the eco home?

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550

We have installed **550 new bike hangars** across the borough, with more to come as they are in hot demand. Here at 47 Greenleaf Road, there is a bike hangar right out the front on the street so residents can store their bike securely.

206

We have also installed **206 public access vehicle charging points** across the borough, with more to come. The closest electric vehicle charging point is about 40m down the road at Melville Road, E17 6QW.

16+

Haven't ridden a bike for years? We got you. We offer free cycle training in schools, group cycle training for families, and group and one-to-one training sessions for adults **over 16**, who live, work or study in the borough. Just visit cycleconfident.com/sponsors/waltham-forest to find out more.

1,400

Bike has been gathering dust? At our free Dr Bike sessions we've repaired over **1,400 bikes** in the past year alone.

30

Don't have a bike? No worries. We have over **30 community bikes** that are available for loan to anybody who lives, works or studies in the borough. For a small refundable deposit, the bikes are available to loan for up to one month. All bikes come with a helmet, lights and a lock.

36.5 tonnes

But it isn't just about supporting active travel, we are shaping our urban design to enable a healthier borough, with new cycle routes, and low-traffic neighbourhoods. We will also grow our school streets programme, currently at 15, to reduce air pollution around schools. Our Zero Emissions Delivery Service has delivered over **143,000 packages**, saved an estimated **36.5 tonnes CO₂** equivalent emissions, and travelled over **182,000 km**, that's back and forward to Australia 12 times!



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