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How we're helping you to keep you safe



Provided 30,000 free face masks to residents, helping you protect yourself and others



'Checked-in' on 800 vulnerable residents since the beginning of November



Visited over 1000 local businesses to make sure they are COVID-19 safe



Taken over 130 rough sleepers off the streets and into secure accommodation since March 2020

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Highams Park Foodbank



We will make sure that our foodbanks are always stocked

We will be there for our most vulnerable residents who need to stay at home with food, prescriptions and contact

We want to make sure that families are supported this winter



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We will help those who need it this Christmas

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NEWS

Free face masks and fast tests to help beat the virus

Waltham Forest Council has distributed 30,000 free reusable face masks to residents and commuters across the borough

The Council and partners have worked hard to make sure Waltham Forest residents are kept fully informed and have access to any support they need during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

The most recent data shows that there were 502 confirmed cases in the borough between Mon 23 and Sun 29 November, and that so far over 280 Waltham Forest residents have sadly died during the pandemic.

To help control the spread of the virus the Council has so far distributed 30,000 free face masks as one of the 12 commitments made to residents about what they should expect. Research suggests face masks are the best way to keep each other safe. Any resident who has not got a mask can place an order by visiting walthamforest.gov.uk/face-masks or calling 020 8496 3000.

Alternatively, residents can pick up a free mask at one of our five main libraries:

- Chingford Library Plus
- Leyton Library Plus
- Leytonstone Library Plus
- Walthamstow Library Plus
- Wood Street Library

In a further local boost, Waltham Forest has been chosen to receive around 10,000 lateral flow tests that will provide a result within 30 minutes. Rapid testing will help to protect the most vulnerable residents as we look toward recovery from the economic and social impact of the pandemic.

The rapid testing will initially prioritise people at highest risk from Covid-19 as well as those most likely to be spreading the virus without showing symptoms.

More info

More advice about Covid-19 and the support available to residents and local businesses: walthamforest.gov.uk/covid-19

Future of wetlands assured

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London Wildlife Trust appointed to manage Wetlands and educate young people about the environment

Credit: Sam Hobson-lpr

For more information on Covid-19

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From the Leader

Cllr Clare Coghill



The recent good news around a vaccine to help us protect against Covid-19 has given us all hope that we can see a return to something approaching normal next year.

However, it is important to remember that whilst this is cause for optimism, we must be careful to continue following the latest public health rules to keep each

other safe. We have now come out of the second national lockdown, and Waltham Forest is in Tier 2.

You will find more information about what this means on page 3. This isn't a time to let our guard down or be complacent and we all have a role to play in keeping each other safe.

The new restrictions will give us more opportunity to be out and about but this means increased risk of infection – so please remember, wash your hands; wear a face covering and keep your distance.

For those of you who celebrate Christmas we know it will be hard not to be able to do so as you usually would. When making your plans it is worth remembering that infection rates are still much

higher than they were in the summer, and that with a vaccine round the corner we do have hope that we will soon be able to meet our friends and family as normal.

The way in which our community has responded to the outbreak of Covid-19 has been extraordinary, but we know that the last nine months have taken their toll.

Here at the council, we are dedicated to making sure every resident can access the support they need when they need it, and have made twelve commitments which we will continue to act on.

We are making sure our foodbanks are always fully stocked, have handed out 30,000 free face coverings, are ensuring our care homes have the PPE they

need, and have supported more than 130 rough sleepers off the streets.

You can find out more about the 12 commitments on the front cover.

We learnt during the first lockdown how much our community comes together during difficult times to support each other, and it was this spirit that inspired us to develop a new council strategy to see us through this crisis and beyond.

Public service has been at the heart of Waltham Forest's response to the pandemic; in how residents helped one another, in changed public and private sector roles, and in the ways public sector bodies and community organisations worked together.

Over the past few months,

we have engaged and consulted widely to shape our immediate priorities:

- Connecting people with jobs
- Helping people to live safe and healthy lives
- Creating 15-minute neighbourhoods
- Giving confidence in our future

In the months ahead our work will be focused on delivering these priorities, and you will find more information throughout this issue.

Stay safe Waltham Forest.

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 50 and over
- People with certain medical conditions (including children in at-risk group 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 your 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.

Dr Orestes Couppis recommends the flu jab

Dr Orestes Couppis is the Primary Care Lead for Diabetes and Respiratory in Waltham Forest. He explains the importance of getting the job:

“With the challenges that lay ahead regarding Covid-19, and the difficulty health care providers and patients will have in differentiating symptoms of differing viruses, knowing patients are protected against the deadly flu virus will help us to assess our patients and their symptoms, and keep them as safe as possible.

“All vaccines have a variability in efficacy, some people may have mild side effects but they only last for a day or so following the vaccine, but thousands of vulnerable people still lose their lives from flu each year. This year more than ever, vaccination will provide a degree of protection against flu we could only wish for the Covid-19 viral pandemic we face.

“Please vaccinate against seasonal flu, please keep you and your family safe.”



Dr Orestes Couppis

More info

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

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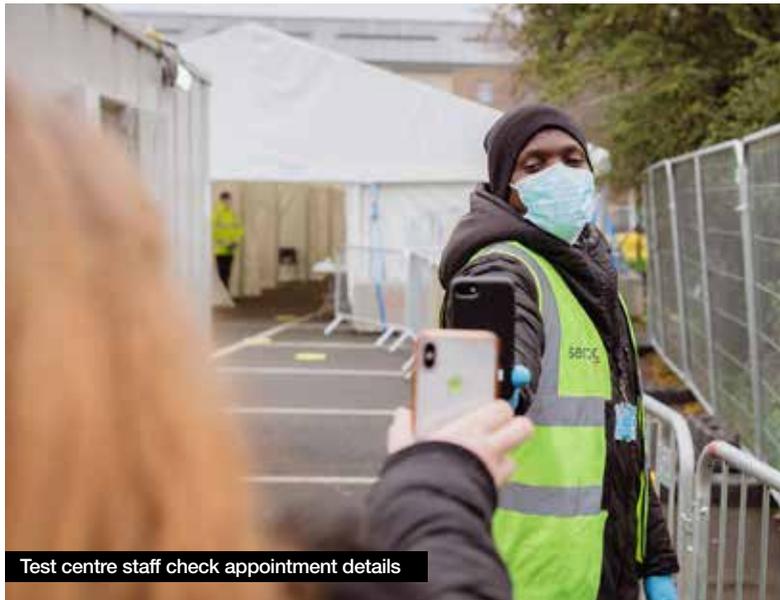


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Waltham Forest put in tier 2 of Covid-19 restrictions

■ Please follow new guidelines to avoid going into tier 3



Test centre staff check appointment details

Waltham Forest has been placed in tier 2 of the new three-tier system of Covid-19 restrictions following the end of the national lockdown on Wednesday 2 December.

The whole of London is in the same category, which means there is 'a higher or rapidly rising level of infections' from the virus.

Under the new guidelines, most shops and businesses can reopen, and residents can meet outside in groups of no more than six people. Hospitality businesses such as pubs and restaurants can open to guests if they are serving substantial meals to eat on-site, but must stop accepting new orders at 10pm.

Organised outdoor sport, physical activity, and exercise classes can take place again, with gyms, sports courts and leisure centres able to open. Restrictions still apply to indoor sports with exceptions for disability sports, activities with an 'educational purpose', and supervised events for under-18s.

Libraries, community centres, hairdressers and barbers can also open, along with allotments and public toilets. Cinemas, theatres and other entertainment venues can only stay open after 11pm if the performance started before 10pm.

While the national restrictions during November have been difficult for businesses, the vast majority worked hard to help the effort to contain the virus.

During the recent lockdown, the vast majority of local businesses complied with guidelines to keep

everyone safe. Council officers visited over 1,000 local businesses to share advice and check regulations were being followed. 84 per cent were found to be acting responsibly, with only a small number breaching the rules.

Those who can work from are encouraged to continue doing so as much as possible.

Cllr Clare Coghill, Leader of Waltham Forest Council, said: "While this news means we can begin to get back to something more normal, it is important to remember that Covid-19 still remains a serious risk to the health of all of us.

"We must continue to wash our hands regularly, stay more than two metres apart where possible, and wear a face covering in enclosed spaces, so we can stop the spread of the virus and keep ourselves and others safe."

Under tier 2 guidance places of worship can open, but people should not socialise with people from outside their household or support bubble while indoors.

Up to 15 people can

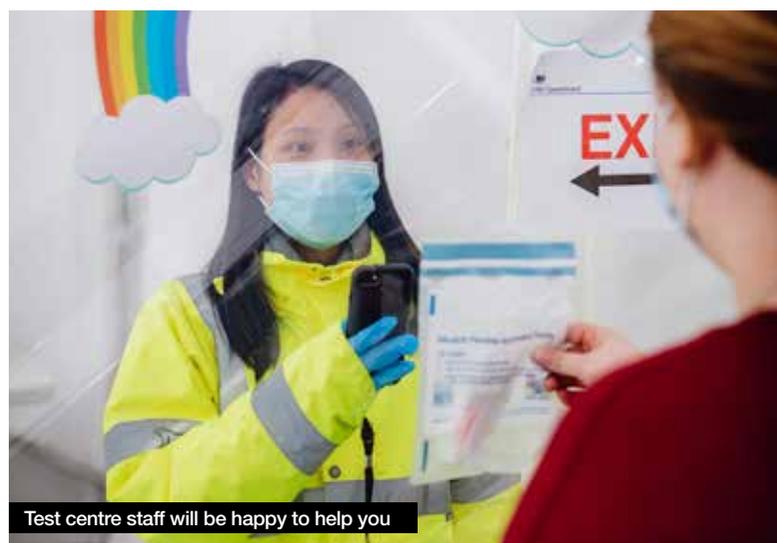


Taking the test

attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, while 30 people are able to attend funeral services with a maximum of 15 people then able to attend commemorative events such as wakes or stone settings.

The government has said ministers will review the restrictions on Wednesday

16 December and decide if any regions need to move into a different tier. It has also been announced that residents will be able to form a 'Christmas bubble' between Wednesday 23 and Sunday 27 December. This will allow three households to form a bubble in this period.



Test centre staff will be happy to help you



Tests must be kept bagged so they are secure

More info

To check the full details of tier 2 restrictions on the Gov.UK site please visit bit.ly/WFtier2

To find out about changes to Council services, or to order a free reusable face mask, please visit walthamforest.gov.uk/covid-19

Community rallies again to support vulnerable people in lockdown

Local food banks, volunteers and charities continue to work hard and support residents in need after national lockdown measures came into effect on 5 November. The Council works with five primary food bank partners to make sure they have food and everything else that

they need to support residents over this period, with these partners supporting other food banks in the borough. We caught up with two of these to find out more about their experiences of supporting others in lockdown.



Saira Mir

Saira Mir from Walthamstow based food bank, PI84U-AI Suffa:

“We’ve been much busier lately. Over 100 residents are coming to our walk-in food bank. People are arriving earlier, and the queues are getting longer.”

“Through referrals from the Council and the likes of Migrant Action, the Job Centre and Waltham Forest’s Early Intervention team which supports young parents, we’re feeding 65 people, with number increasing every week. We’ve also started a baby bank.”

“I want to thank the Council who’ve ensured that people are not being neglected and that everybody has food on the table. Not only that but members of the community are also donating food, presents and other items. Local supermarkets and the Felix Project have played their part.”

“It’s been a total team effort. If food comes in the days our food bank isn’t open, we’ll give that to St Barnabas Church who will make sure that finds somebody in need. Times are really hard, but everybody is coming together to show that they care.”



Tracey Rogers

Tracey Rogers leads Highams Park Food Aid

Highams Park Food Aid, started by Tracey Rogers in March 2020, has since become the biggest food bank in the north of the borough, supporting 172 families. Reflecting on this Tracey said:

“We’ve got 90 plus volunteers and my job is to enable them to get the most from the experience. I know that volunteering isn’t always just about helping others, people are also doing it to benefit their own mental health. People are searching for a purpose right now.”

“Some of our volunteers don’t even see the beneficiaries. Take Chris for example. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday after work he spends a few hours going from the supermarket to our container, couriering supplies in his van. Only a few of us know what he does, so he doesn’t do it for recognition. People like Chris want to play their part because they see the bigger picture and want to contribute.”

“As one of the food hubs recognised by the council, we’ve also been providing support to other smaller food banks in Highams Park and Chingford. We’ve developed a great relationship with Friday Hill Food bank and Peabody. We also support 54 students at Leyton Sixth Form College with daily breakfast bundles and food packs for their families.”

If your circumstances allow and you would like to support one of the Council’s five primary food bank partners, you can do so by visiting the following webpages:

- **PL84U AI-Suffa:** [gofundme.com/pl84u-alsuffa](https://www.gofundme.com/pl84u-alsuffa)
- **Highams Park Food Aid:** highamspark.london/services/highams-park-food-aid/
- **Eat or Heat:** eatorheat.org/donate/
- **Rukhsana Khan Foundation:** rukhsanakhanfoundation.org/donate
- **Hornbeam Centre:** hornbeam.org.uk/hornbeam-covid-19/



A community here to support you



Food bank volunteers



Lesley ‘checks in’ on residents

Volunteers ‘checking in’ on vulnerable residents

When the first lockdown came into force, hundreds of residents signed up on the Council’s volunteer portal.

Two such people are Diana and Lesley who have been calling residents on the Council’s vulnerable list to see how they are doing, check they’re safe and help those in need to access support. This can range from accessing food and prescriptions, through to befriending and social support.

We spoke to two of our volunteers to learn more about them and their experiences providing ‘check-in’ calls.

Lesley, from Walthamstow is a very active

member of the community. Lesley is a member of several local groups including the Waltham Forest Women’s Network, Waltham Forest Stand Up for Your Rights (supporting people to access financial support) and local mutual aid groups:

“Helping others gives me a real sense of purpose. I’m grateful for all my friends and family but not everybody has a big network of support. Meeting and getting to know new people is something I really enjoy. I was actually put in the vulnerable category during the first lockdown so I can empathise and understand what the people I call are going through.”

Jenise, one of many friendly voices on the end of the phone

The Council's Customer Resolution Centre working model changed almost overnight in March. Normally a bustling call centre, nearly all staff now support residents from home.

They have also begun to support residents in new ways, including the nationwide Test and Trace effort, in addition to growing calls for support residents in distress. They received over 26,000 calls in the three weeks following national lockdown in November.



Jenise, from the Customer Resolution Centre ready to help

We caught up with Customer Service Advisor, Jenise to learn about her experiences of supporting residents:

"When you speak to people you learn how tough things are. Many have chosen to stay safe by staying at home for months, but as Coronavirus has continued to hit communities more people have been calling for support with food poverty, homelessness and their or their loved ones' mental health.

"Everyone is going through their own issues right now, and many aren't aware of the help and support that is available. You can be the only person a caller speaks to for days so we listen and we signpost and help them as much as we can. It's challenging but it's important and we're all happy to help."



Bags of help from the Foodbank

Diana from Leytonstone began to volunteer after the first lockdown came into effect:

"I found myself in an unprecedented situation that was unique and a crisis that's never been seen in my lifetime and I was determined to do something useful. It's been great to help others and meet lots of other like-minded people along the way.

"I've learned that there are so many residents who don't access support services because they think that others need it more than them. I've been reminding them that the support is available to help!"

At the time of writing, our 'check-in' volunteers have provided 2,646 calls to vulnerable residents, making 836 referrals to food, prescriptions and befriending support.



Diana has been volunteering throughout

COMMUNITY HELP NETWORK

Supporting Waltham Forest Together

Moving towards the festive period and New Year, we are still here if you need help with..



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Shape the future of your new civic space, Fellowship Square

The Town Hall Campus transformation programme with our delivery partner Countryside has reached its second stage. Now residents can share ideas and feedback on the emerging designs and four key principles for the new civic space.

The original Town Hall building which housed council services, is currently being refurbished and due to reopen in Summer 2021. The space in front of the Town Hall – to be known as Fellowship Square – will become a new cultural hub for the borough.

The name Fellowship Square refers to the famous William Morris quote, “Fellowship is Life” which adorns the Walthamstow Assembly Hall. The space will become a showcase for local creative and cultural activity throughout the year, bringing communities together, supporting local

businesses and adding to the overall vibrancy of the borough. A significant part of the Council’s new public service strategy is to embed culture across the borough, and as part of our ongoing regeneration programme.

Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Housing Development, Cllr Simon Miller, commented:

“Fellowship Square marks the launch of our new strategy which redefines public service and working closely with the community. With the effects of Covid-19 we recognise the need to invest in the economic growth of our borough which

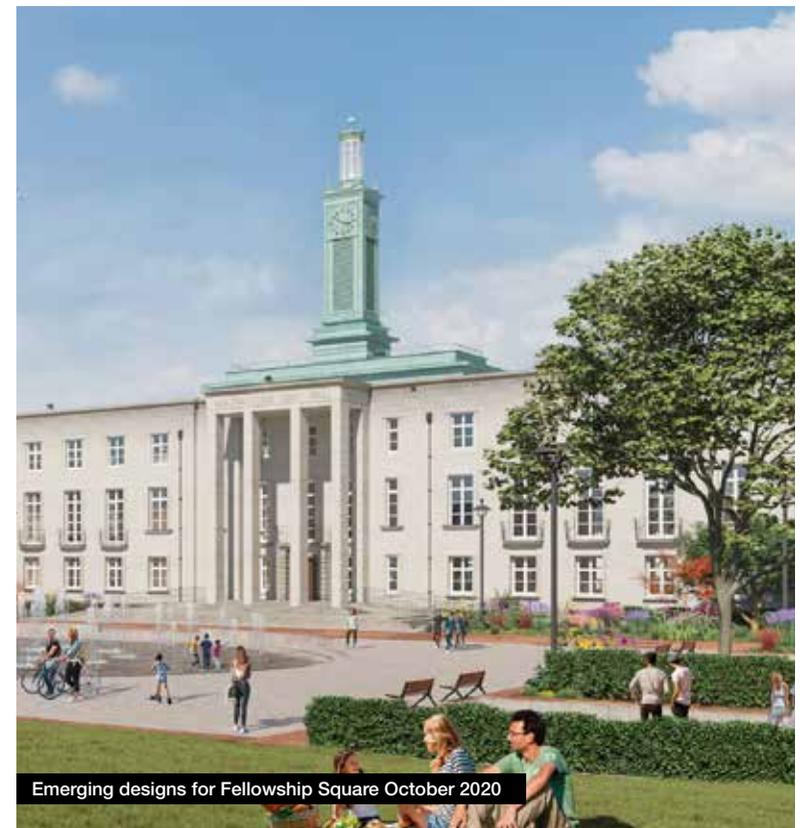
will be reflected in the physical transformation of the Town Hall and Fellowship Square.”

The Public Service: Standing Together in Waltham Forest strategy will include a borough-wide consultation early next year.

This Winter residents can get involved by highlighting their priorities for open spaces, access and movement as well as share ideas for activities they would like to see around Fellowship Square.

More info

Have your say and keep up to date by visiting fellowshipsquare.commonplace.is



Emerging designs for Fellowship Square October 2020

Do you remember?

Residents have been recalling fond memories of the Town Hall and Assembly Hall. Here is just a few and thanks to everyone who has shared them with us.

Resident, Jenny Dearn’s nan was born in 1896 and died in 2002 having lived her entire life in Waltham Forest. Jenny said:

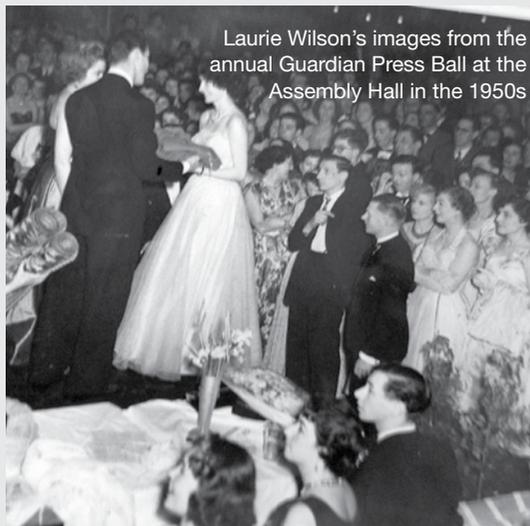
“Nan used to tell me she remembered Forest Road before the Town Hall was built. There had been a dairy farm there, and the cows were herded along Forest Road. She worked as a seamstress making posh underwear, somewhere in Walthamstow. She used to see the cows when she went shopping in Hoe Street at lunch times. I think people had to shop more regularly then – before they had fridges!”

In the 1970s the council held benefit gigs at the Assembly Hall and in June 1976, Mike Kox recalls seeing the Sex Pistols:

“Before they went on stage, I was in the toilets with a mate combing our long hair and wearing regulation denim jackets of the time. In walked this pale-faced lad with spiky carrot-coloured hair wearing what looked like a black plastic bag – it was of course Johnny Rotten! He looked at us, looked at one of the cubicles, cursed and then walked out. Not sure if his cursing was directed at us or the state of the toilet!”

Laurie Wilson was born in Blyth Road in 1931 and met his future wife on Clementina Road in Leyton, who he married in 1960:

“Among the places that we attended during our courtship years was the annual Guardian Press Ball in the 50s which was held at the Walthamstow Assembly Hall. It was nice to wear evening dress once a year – I remember when Peter Cushing and Avis Scott, the film actors were the guests for the evening. Very happy memories for me!”



Laurie Wilson’s images from the annual Guardian Press Ball at the Assembly Hall in the 1950s

Culture on the Square



Ben Lloyd-Evans

Ben Lloyd-Evans has been appointed Creative Producer of the Fellowship Square Cultural Programme bringing local knowledge and regional experience to the exciting project which will see Waltham Forest Town Hall and the surrounding area transformed into a bustling new neighbourhood in the heart of the borough.

Ben Lloyd-Evans said: “I feel extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to work on such an exciting project, with a cultural community that I’ve been getting to know over the past few years.

What I’ve learnt of Waltham Forest’s creative landscape so far gives me hope and excitement and I can’t wait to work together to create something special for the launch and legacy of Fellowship Square.”



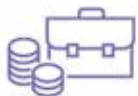
Standing Together in Waltham Forest

Public service has been at the heart of Waltham Forest's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and recently we launched our Public Service Strategy.

The extraordinary response from the people of the borough demonstrated that public service can happen everywhere every day – it's not about who does it. It can be performed by anyone, anywhere.

We know the challenges the borough faces over the coming months and we require our residents, communities and partners to work together as we strive for the best for our borough.

Our four immediate priorities:



Connecting people with jobs

We want to make sure all residents can fulfil their potential and find rewarding work.



Safe and healthy lives

We must work together to be able to keep our families, friends and neighbours safe from Covid-19.



Our 15-minute neighbourhood

We will continue to develop 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.



Confidence in our future

We will work to build an inspiring future for Waltham Forest.

Focussing on...Connecting people with jobs

The coronavirus pandemic has had a damaging effect on the economy, and we want to help create opportunities in the borough by bringing together businesses at a jobs summit as well as supporting local people with training and volunteering opportunities.

To deliver this strategy our roadmap will be produced shortly and we will keep engaging and getting feedback from our residents to shape our plans transparently.

Together, we can ensure everyone has the opportunity to act, contribute and make change.

More information: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/public-service

Highams Park-based security firm T.S.S. (Total Security Services) is already leading the way, having provided more than 20 apprentice opportunities for local residents and giving young people the skills and confidence to succeed. Starting as a small business T.S.S. now employs over 5,000 people and operates across the UK - a real success story for the borough.



'Joining TSS as an apprentice 3 years ago set me on a career path in HR that I hope to keep progressing. I am so grateful for the opportunity and investment TSS have given me' **Rianne**

Walthamstow resident **Kye Mitchell**, who started a new role as labourer and welfare lead with construction partner Wilmott Dixon working on the EMD cinema project started with help from labour agency Falcon Green in September 2020.



Drive to help businesses recover and prosper

Nearly 100 businesses attended the Council's online Local Business Recovery Summit on 2 December to discuss the impact of Covid-19 and explain the support they need to recover quickly from the crisis and succeed in the future.

A diverse range of speakers from across key sectors in each area of Waltham Forest spoke about the challenges they have faced and concerns for the future.

They included Abi Khan of Highams Park high street gift shop, Grace and Albert; Claire Ashbridge-Tomlinson from Leyton brewery East London Brewing; Rachael Castell, a representative of Leytonstone crowd-pledging platform Our Pledge; James Harrison, founder of the Yonder climbing centre in Blackhorse Road; David Cowell of North Chingford merchandise supplier, Promo 2U and Ella McKay from SoapSmith, a Walthamstow manufacturer of handmade, organics soaps.

The Leader of the Council,

Councillor Clare Coghill, was in attendance, along with other Councillors and senior officers to respond, contribute and assist businesses during the session.

Cllr Coghill said: "We do not underestimate the support local businesses will need, not only to survive this crisis, but to thrive into the future.

"Since the beginning of pandemic, planning for economic recovery has been a key priority. We have worked around the clock to distribute more than £48 million in grants and put ourselves in a state of readiness to mitigate against both the short and long-term consequences of the pandemic.

"This summit was a vital opportunity to listen to the local business community and allowed for invaluable discussion on how we can move forward together. There were some excellent practical suggestions of how the council can support local businesses. We have committed to looking at each and every suggestion

and exploring ways we can turn these into reality. This is really vital work for us here in Waltham Forest."

Topics for discussion included the best ways for the Council to prioritise funding and grants and the future skills and training which will be needed to help businesses innovate and succeed after Covid-19.

Claire Ashbridge-Thomlinson, Director of East London Brewing Company, said: "We were very grateful for the opportunity - and indeed for the support provided by the Council throughout the pandemic. Open and constructive discussion is always interesting and helpful. As we come out of the pandemic, we'll need to do everything we can to protect the local economy. I was particularly struck by many of the ideas about an online platform for buying goods locally."

More info

Sign up to our business newsletter for alerts at bit.ly/WFBusinessSignup



Abi, from Grace and Albert was a speaker at the event

Look at the Plans

The current national restrictions make clear that the Government expects the planning system to continue as economic regeneration will be a major way to help recovery during and after the Covid-19 pandemic.

In Waltham Forest we are following those guidelines while working hard to keep residents in touch with applications received and how they can comment on them, both online and through traditional responses.

■ **More info** walthamforest.gov.uk/planning



Planning Policy Officers talk to residents at Bakers Arms

Waltham Forest Local Plan

Two consultations are now underway on Waltham Forest's Local Plan.

Local Plan Part One looks at the revised policies and strategies that will be used until 2035 to assess whether planning applications meet our required standards.

Local Plan Part Two lists 68 sites across the borough where the Council believes redevelopment could take place to help deliver some of the 27,000 new homes the Mayor of London would like to see built in Waltham Forest by 2035.

Although there are not necessarily any current plans to redevelop these sites, they have been chosen because they have the potential to deliver the new homes and employment space

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New software may bring delays

In response to concerns from residents that the current planning application software is difficult to use when looking for details of a particular site, new computer software is being installed by Planning Services.

The new software will also improve the speed and efficiency of processing planning applications once it is in full use. Installing the

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needed, along with infrastructure such as healthcare, schools, transport and open spaces.

We have already held six drop-in events where residents were able to talk to us in person while maintaining social distancing. During November we have six virtual community meetings where residents can ask questions and find out more from the Planning Policy officers.

Residents are encouraged to share their views on both parts of the Local Plan using the online response forms. If you do not have internet access, you can find printed copies of the documents in local libraries and respond by post.

Both consultations end on Monday 14 December 2020. Please use separate forms for each part.

new system means that planning weekly lists and online searches will not be available until the first week of December.

Applications received while the software is being installed will be processed, but could be subject to temporary delays, and we ask for your patience during the short changeover between systems.

Ensuring the future of Walthamstow Wetlands for residents to enjoy

New arrangements have been agreed to secure Walthamstow Wetlands as an attraction for local people to enjoy for years to come as the Council awards the management services contract to London Wildlife Trust at a meeting of Cabinet on 3 December.

Walthamstow Wetlands played an important role for residents during the coronavirus lockdown, between March and July this year over 330,000 visits were made, an increase of over 140 per cent compared to the same period the previous year.

The new contract starts in February next year and will see Wildlife Trust responsibility expanded to overseeing the operation of the on-site visitor centre and café, in addition to its current work delivering outdoor and educational activities and managing the nature reserve. The Council has committed

£2.86million to support Walthamstow Wetlands over this period, ensuring residents can easily access this incredible nature reserve on their doorstep helping them live safe and healthy lives.

As well as functioning as a nature reserve and site of special scientific interest, Walthamstow Wetlands is an operational reservoir supplying water to 3.5million Londoners. A wide variety of wildlife finds a home in the wetlands environment including birds such as kingfishers, swifts, and peregrine falcons alongside rare bat and insect species.

Cllr Paul Douglas, Cabinet Member for Culture, said: "Opening up this spectacular site for the public to enjoy is one of our proudest achievements in Waltham Forest. We've been able to work with some fantastic partners on this project and I'd like to thank everyone who's

been involved for their effort.

"Seeing the delight on the faces of young visitors as they learn about our natural world and the environment at the wetlands is a real pleasure. We must do all we can to protect this vital site and its wildlife for future generations to enjoy, and I know that the London Wildlife Trust are the ideal group to succeed."

The Walthamstow Wetlands opened to the public for the first time in October 2017 as a result of a partnership between the Council, London Wildlife Trust and Thames Water with support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) and is Europe's largest urban wetlands has received over one million visits in three years.

More info

You can find out more information about Walthamstow Wetlands and get details to plan your visit at walthamstowwetlands.com



Great tit ringing at Walthamstow Wetlands

Credit: Ann Playford



Credit: Adam Wilson

Fitting Colour Ring



Fire starting Ellie



Lockwood southern tower at Walthamstow Wetlands

Support the community with our crowdfunder

■ The Waltham Forest Community Help Network is crowdfunding to support vulnerable people during Christmas and into the New Year.

Waltham Forest Council's Community Help Network has launched a Crowdfunder to support vulnerable people during Christmas and into the New Year, following the success of fundraising efforts earlier in the year that raised over £40,000.

We've once again been inspired by the response from residents and know that many of you want to help throughout the festive period. We've created a crowdfunding project so that residents whose circumstances allow, can donate to provide additional community support.

Funds raised will go towards a Christmas present drive for those who need it most and to support local charities tackling the issues of

homelessness, food poverty, vulnerable families and loneliness so that they can continue to provide vital support to vulnerable residents. The crowdfunder is part of our 12 Commitments to residents, which includes running a charity campaign for local groups supporting children and vulnerable older people.

So many of our community have already come together to help each other, and by supporting this network, we can continue these amazing community efforts.

More info

To donate to the crowdfunder please visit www.spacehive.com/WFwinterappeal



Community 'crew' to the rescue

The Waltham Forest Sew Solid Crew exemplify the great local community response to the Covid-19 crisis.

The team of more than 30 public-spirited volunteers originally came together to make scrubs and washbags for the NHS during the first period of national restrictions in March.

"Right from the start the local response was so good," explained 'crew' member Maria.

As the scrubs operation wound down, the team stayed together to support the wider community and they have gone from strength to strength.

Helped by a £480 grant from Waltham Forest Council's Community Ward Fund and fabric donated by local residents, the 'crew' got to work as the need for face masks soared and made more than 1,600 masks to supply to local soup kitchens, homeless shelters and food banks. They were even asked to make masks for staff at Great Ormond Street

Hospital for Children to wear travelling to and from work.

Then came the news that school children were going to need masks and the team turned their focus to contacting local schools and offering their services. Since September they've put needle and thread together for nine Waltham Forest schools and donated more than 2,480 masks for local pupils entitled to free school meals.

As the local response to the pandemic continues, the Sew Solid Crew are keeping up their amazing effort and they are always looking for new recruits. Anyone keen to get involved can contact them at wfsewsolidcrew@gmail.com or on **07932 158957**. Everyone on the team is free to give whatever time they feel they can spare, with volunteers making anything from five masks a week to 50 a day. The focus here, is on teamwork and safely connecting to protect the community.



Sew Solid Crew provided face masks for NHS staff at Acorn Children's Unit, Whipps Cross.

Bright idea



Our Stay Safe Champions ready to talk to our residents

With ever-growing government guidance around Covid-19 Waltham Forest Council has dispatched Stay Safe Champions so residents and business fully understand how they can comply with these measures.

Instantly recognisable in their bright pink jackets, this team of volunteers has been out and about in the borough since the second period of national restrictions kicked in earlier this month.

Conscious that new guidance can be confusing, and residents may be worried and need reassurance, support and advice, the champions have been helping increase community understanding so everyone can stay safe.

We are enlisting more than 3,000 'Legends of the Forest' volunteers who signed up to support the Community Help Network back in March and have had teams out and about handing out free face masks, distributing information leaflets and reminding people of the latest safety

measures.

Particularly focusing on areas of the borough where the risk from the Covid-19 infection is likely to be highest, the Champions have also been listening to residents' current concerns. Their listening role is crucial because, as well as sharing advice and guidance to residents, they offer the Council feedback on how to continually improve our response to the crisis.

With a series of events taking place across the borough, including at schools and shopping centres, the Stay Safe Champions have been crucial to the Council distributing more than 30,000 free face masks.

Anyone interested in becoming a Stay Safe Champion can get in touch at wflegends@groundwork.org.uk and residents or groups keen to receive information via social media or digitally can join our Stay Safe distribution list at walthamforest.gov.uk/content/stay-safe-champions.

If you need a face mask you can order one at walthamforest.gov.uk/face-masks.

Enhanced local contact tracing to control the virus

The Council has launched an enhanced local tracing service. This has pushed up the rate at which residents with positive Covid-19 test results have been successfully contacted to 87 per cent.

Launched on 28 October, over 400 cases have been referred to the Local Contact Tracing service which is being delivered by staff from the Council's Resolution Centre. The service is working closely with the NHS Test and Trace programme to contact residents who have tested positive for Covid-19 but have not been reached by the national programme.

The Council team's success means more residents have been contacted and helped to isolate so they can protect their families and friends. Staff have been able to discuss with them who they have been

in close contact with, provide advice on isolating and point them to the support available.

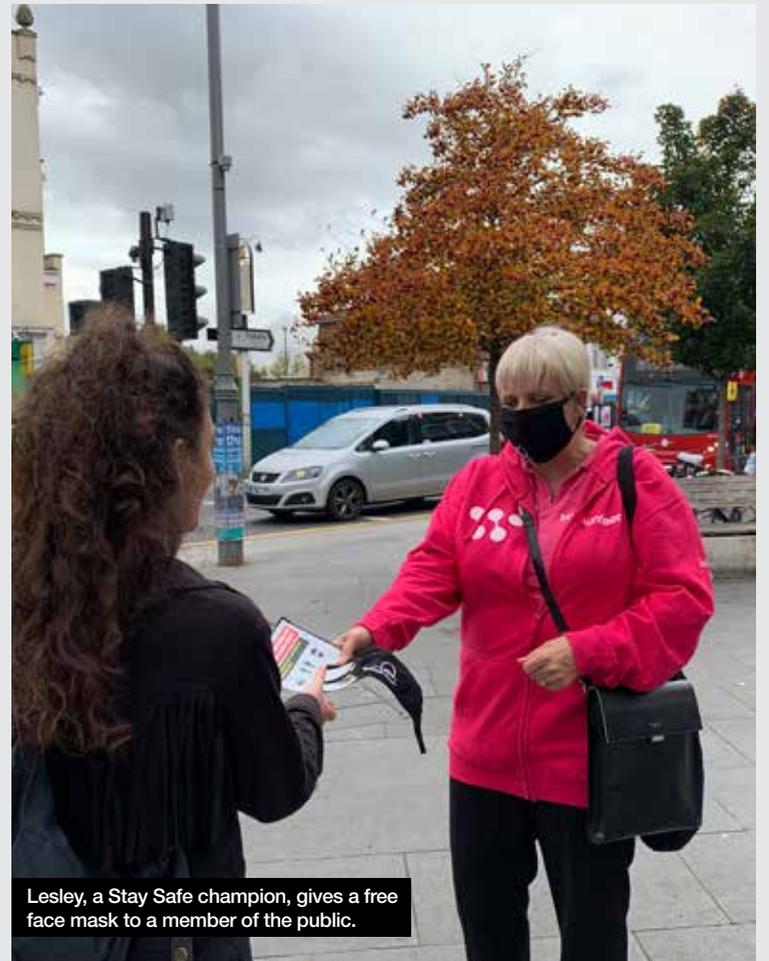
Cllr Clare Coghill, Leader of Waltham Forest Council, said: "I'm delighted our team has done such a good job of contacting residents who have tested positive for Covid-19. It has helped us to increase the number of people correctly self-isolating for 14 days and reduce community transmission.

"The coronavirus remains a serious threat to the health of all of us, so it's vital we do everything we can to stop it spreading in the borough. If we can ensure that people contracting the virus correctly self-isolate we have a better chance of beating it."

While the recent news around possible vaccines has given hope that something approaching normality may return later next year, the virus

remains a serious threat to the borough. Residents must continue to follow the latest public health rules to keep themselves and each other safe. In addition, it remains important that everyone washes their hands regularly, wears face coverings in enclosed public spaces and stays two metres apart from other people.

The UK has now approved the Pfizer vaccine with roll out starting this week for priority groups. Detailed planning around a national rollout is still underway. In addition, local health authorities will have to follow national guidance on who has priority to receive the vaccine. This guidance is based on age and risk factors, meaning older residents in care homes and care home workers are expected to get the vaccine first.



Lesley, a Stay Safe champion, gives a free face mask to a member of the public.

A visionary building

The wait is over! Big Creative Academy has constructed a new visionary building that officially launches in January 2021. Be part of the largest creative arts college in London.



Book now to join us for a virtual open evening

At BCE we offer the following courses:

Art and Design
Artist Management
Digital Art and Animation
DJ Skills
Events Management
Fashion
Games Art
Games Design, Animation and Visual Effects (VFX)

Media, Film and TV
Music Performance
Music Production
Performing Arts
Production Arts
Sports Studies
Theatrical and Media Makeup

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Economic recovery: prioritising our businesses

Helping our businesses to recover and continue to be successful during the Covid-19 pandemic has been a key priority for the Council since the first UK lockdown was imposed in March.

As well as distributing £48.2 million in Government grants to 3,740 businesses, we have developed a range of initiatives to offer further support.

The 'Choose Local. Support Everyone.' campaign has harnessed the spirit of togetherness in the borough's business community and promoted the value of shopping locally and choosing local services.

More than 100 businesses benefitted from support services developed through our

partnership with national organisation 'Save The High Street'. They gained access to one-to-one mentoring, webinars and masterclasses to steer them through the crisis.

Our WF Connected Business Directory has close to 400 listings and has been used widely as a tool for keeping existing and prospective customers up-to-date on their operations.

To support those made unemployed or at risk of redundancy due to Covid-19, the Council's Steps into Work which has found more than 650 people work since it was launched in 2017 and is still operational during Covid-19. The team continues to support locals with employability, upskilling and mentoring. You can read more about this on page 18.



The Horizon Café in Leytonstone, which will feature in the second phase of the Council's Choose Local campaign

Restrictions: What does it mean for your business?

New tier 2 restrictions came into effect in London on 2 December, meaning some businesses will be required to operate under Covid restrictions. This applies especially to pubs and bars, and other hospitality businesses.

Essential and non-essential retail; personal care and close contact services; and sports and leisure have been permitted to reopen, provided they follow Covid-19 secure guidelines.

Full details of the new restrictions can be found at: bit.ly/govrestrictions

Choose Local. Support Everyone.

Waltham Forest is always open online

If you are Christmas shopping online this year, you can still choose local.

Take a look at our WF Connected business directory for gift offerings from a range of businesses near you.

See the directory here: WFConnected.org



Remember our markets

All of our regular market traders who sell food and essential goods will be trading pre-Christmas.

We also have some great local markets launching online.

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/markets

Find independent businesses

Every Space, a gift shop based in Central Parade, Walthamstow, has produced a map of independent Businesses.

Sponsored by Estate Agent, The Stow Brothers, the map highlights where people can buy their Christmas gifts. Search the map here: walthamstow-shop-independent.co.uk

Furlough scheme extended

The Coronavirus Job Retention – or 'Furlough' – scheme will continue until March, meaning employees can receive 80 per cent of their current salary for hours not worked up to a maximum of £2,500.

Employers can furlough staff on a full or part-time basis and are only asked to cover National Insurance and employer pension contributions for their employee.

Grants for businesses required to close

The Government has announced that Councils will be funded to give grants to businesses affected by national and local restrictions.

We have now launched a business grant scheme for ratepaying business affected by national and local restrictions. Grants of up to £3,000 are available based on the rateable value of the businesses' premises.

Rateable Value of Property	Maximum grant payable for the lockdown period
Under £15,001	£1,334
£15,001 to £50,999	£2,000
£51,000 and over	£3,000

Details and application instructions at bit.ly/WFgrants

Extension of the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS)

The Self-Employment Income Support Scheme is set to continue, with the self-employed and members of a partnership able to claim a grant based on historic profits.

The extension will last for six months, from November 2020 to April 2021. Two grants will be paid, each covering a three-month period.

The first grant of 80 per cent of previous profits will cover a three-month period from 1 November 2020 until 31 January 2021. The Government will set out further details of the fourth grant, covering February 2021 to April 2021, in due course.

Full details here: bit.ly/SEISSWF



Helping keep the self-employed moving

Forging a legacy

Forge Fashion, a new programme with Creative United, is helping Waltham Forest's fashion and textile businesses to succeed sustainably.

The project is providing tailored business support through workshops, one-to-one advice and networking from October to December 2020. The final 30 fashion and textile businesses have been assessed and enrolled onto the programme.

The Forge Fashion networking events are open to all.

Info: wfculture19.co.uk/WalthamForestFashion



Waltham Forest Fashion. photo taken by A Razvi before social distancing measures were in place

CHOOSE LOCAL SUPPORT EVERYONE

While the Covid-19 crisis continues to pose huge challenges for Waltham Forest businesses, the way local businesses have responded has been nothing short of inspiring. Many have found innovative ways to continue operating despite the restrictions imposed on them. They are defined by a shared resolve to succeed through adversity – but this alone is not enough.

Now more than ever, they need your support. For our borough to be a great place we need our local businesses and town centres to prosper. The shared values, supportive communities and survival instincts in Waltham Forest give us confidence our borough can not just recover but thrive through the crisis.

We believe residents should have easy access to everything they need to live well – including high quality local services – within a 15-minute walk or cycle. The “15-minute neighbourhood” is a key priority set out in our public service strategy.

Our vision is to instil confidence in our future. The “Choose Local. Support Everyone.” campaign has shone a light on the high quality and impressive range of businesses in our borough.

As we prepare to enter the second phase of the campaign, we asked some of our star businesses to tell us why your support is so important.

**REMEMBER:
CHOOSE LOCAL. SUPPORT EVERYONE.**

-  @thebodypeopleuk
-  @ohmycoffeeshop
-  @horizoncafeleytonstone
-  @shawsbutchers



AFSHAN AHMED
OH MY COFFEE
CHINGFORD MOUNT

“Now more than ever, we are relying on the collective power of our communities. These connections do not just exist online, but in everyday conversations, meetings and social interactions that our high streets provide. We must protect this most valuable asset, held so dear by so many; the human contact, the kindness, the smiles, the sharing of our day. Our high street shops give the backdrop for these connections, they provide us with variety, niche products and the personable service that only living and working in the community can provide.”



CHLOE REDMOND
THE BODY PEOPLE
WALTHAMSTOW

“It’s more important than ever to support our local businesses whenever you can. With your continued help, we will recover from the pandemic and be here for our Waltham Forest community – providing jobs, keeping our economy alive and continuing to serve you.

Exercise brings massive – and clearly proven – physical and mental health benefits, especially in these difficult times. The Body People’s classes and programmes are here to help you reap those benefits. Support us, keep fit, have fun, feel good.”



ANDREW SHAW
SHAW'S BUTCHERS
CHINGFORD NORTH

“Never more than now has it been so important to support your local shops. We have lots of loyal and valued customers and in turn we hope that we have been able to offer good quality and a valuable service within the community. Let’s hope this can be continued, as all local shops need all of our help and support if the high street is to thrive in the future.”



AKACHA LAIDI
HORIZON CAFÉ
LEYTONSTONE

“The future is very unsure, and many small businesses rely on local custom to keep them afloat. Many of these have served the community for years and rely on your support to continue that service. Local businesses are run by friends and neighbours. So help them to help you and shop local whenever and wherever you can.”

Did you know that if every household in Waltham Forest spent a tenner at a local business in the borough that’s just over an extra £1 million that would be put straight back into our local economy. We know though not everyone has money to spare at the moment; your insider knowledge, recommendations and sharing the love on social are really valuable too.

Like and follow your favourite shops on social media, engage with their posts and share stories	£0.00
Leave online reviews of your experience	£0.00
Sign up to their mailing list to continue your support	£0.00
Spread the word by telling your neighbours about good experiences!	£0.00

Total Cost **£0.00**

walthamforest.gov.uk/ChooseLocalWF

#ChooseLocalWF



Get a job through Steps Into Work

If you have recently lost your job, are at risk of being made redundant or have been furloughed, Waltham Forest Council's Brokerage Service – Steps Into Work could be for you.

Set up to support residents economically affected by Covid-19 and who are long and short-term unemployed, it has been a busy time for the service.

The Council's Steps into Work programme has found more than 650 people work since it was launched in 2017.

The Service has also been supporting over twenty local businesses to help fulfil their recruitment needs. This provides opportunities for residents as well as filling vital vacancies so key services are continually delivered, despite industry-wide Covid-19 disruption.

Steps Into Work have been working in collaboration with TfL and Barratt's Homes and have managed to offer fully-funded accredited and bespoke CPCS Hoist Operative training.

More info

To find out more and how to register:
walthamforest.gov.uk/content/rapid-employment-service

Walid's Story:



Walid Razany

Resident Walid Razany, a Trainee Brick Layer, faced a lack of finance to upskill himself and a struggle to secure longer-term employment within the construction industry. Walid said:

"I was subject to a layoff as a result of the on-going pandemic. I was unemployed and registered with Steps into Work. I was given a dedicated brokerage officer who supported me with initial mentoring, realistic career guidance and a long-term employment goal plan.

Steps Into Work, offered a fully-funded accredited course and I complete it on Barratts' Blackhorse Site with a guided tutor. It was a role I had never considered. After two weeks of theory and practical onsite training, Barratts were satisfied with my skills and experience and hired me – I was over the moon! For all those looking for a job or change of career, I would advise you to register with Steps Into Work".

Skills for your work, life and wellbeing

Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service (ALS) has courses and training in a wide range of areas for you and your family.

From art and business to childcare and yoga, most of our courses are free or up to 70 per cent off depending on your circumstances. Our courses can be attended online, in-person or a mix of blended learning. You can also get free jobs advice at our Job Clubs, gain a formal qualification, become an apprentice or learn new skills.

Experienced staff can provide information and advice about your learning options and financial support. We also offer help on possible next steps such as career development and additional learning.



More info

Call **020 8496 2974** or visit: lbwfadultlearning.co.uk

Homework help: keeping up with maths

The Community and Family Learning team at the Waltham Forest ALS provides free courses for parents and families. We also partner with local schools to do free training. One parent, Sabahat Gull, attended our Keeping up with maths course for George Tomlinson Primary School parents in the summer.

Sabahat said: "The course was an amazing experience...I can teach my son maths in a better way. I would love to learn more and looking forward to Keeping up with English for children in Key Stage 1."

Book a free community or family learning course

Whether you need parenting tips or a course to boost your wellbeing, Waltham Forest ALS has a wide range of free courses for you and your family. If you need to improve your English and maths, you can gain a formal qualification by enrolling on one of our adult learning courses.



Using card games to learn maths with Waltham Forest ALS

Dedicated apprentice, Charlie Steel

Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service apprentice Charlie Steel has been nominated for the Rising Star award at the 2020 National Apprenticeship Awards.

Charlie has worked at Admiral Catering Recruitment for over a year. He started in resourcing and is now an apprentice consultant working with some of Admiral's biggest clients.

He supported several important tasks during lockdown including developing and managing enhanced DBS clearance for applicants. This has helped Admiral provide catering and cleaning staff for hospitals, care homes and schools.

Admiral said: "Charlie's hard work and ability to fast-track his learning has been a key part of the survival of Admiral through the toughest time of its 20-year history. We are all immensely proud of Charlie."



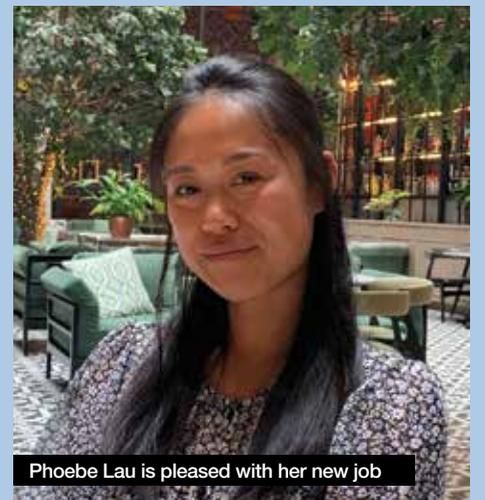
Charlie Steel

Healthcare training leads to a new job

Community Works for Health is a free pre-employment programme for Waltham Forest residents who want a role in healthcare. Waltham Forest ALS partners with BARTS Health NHS Trust to deliver the courses.

Phoebe Lau attended our June 2020 programme. After our course secured a new role as a Community Support Worker.

Phoebe said: "Thank-you. Nothing else could have prepared me this well for an interview done in the NHS format."



Phoebe Lau is pleased with her new job

Get a new job or a new role: become an apprentice

Our apprenticeship programme provides guided support for a variety of business, customer service, teaching and other roles. Find out if an apprenticeship is right for you: email apprenticeships.als@walthamforest.gov.uk or visit lbwfadultlearning.co.uk

Working at Barts Health NHS Trust

Find out more about our Community Works for Health programme and how you can work at Barts Health NHS Trust: email Communityinitiative.bartshealth@nhs.net

Recycle these items

If you're unsure how to deal with a particular household item or material, look it up in our easy to use A to Z index on our website - walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling



Tins, cans and trays



Cartons



Glass bottles and jars



Pots, tubs and trays



Mixed paper



Cardboard

All these items can be recycled in your communal or household recycling bin.

walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling

Common wrong items

Do not put these items in the green recycling bin

If you put the wrong items in the green recycling bin it will not be emptied.

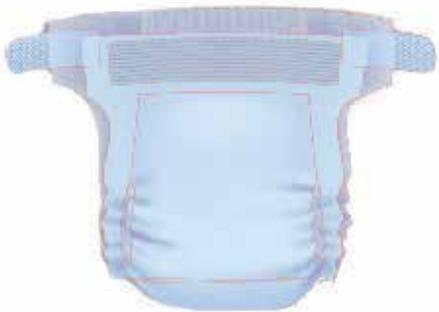
Putting the wrong items in your bin can spoil all of the good recycling.



Food waste



Textiles



Nappies



General rubbish



Polystyrene

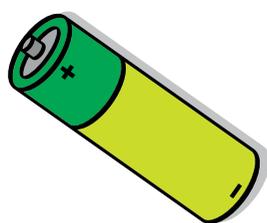


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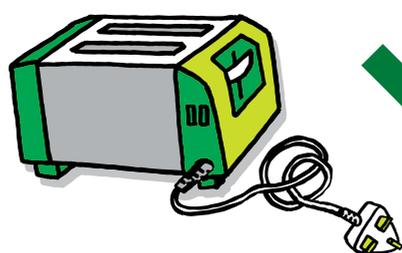
Let's pass it on

We are collecting textiles, batteries and small electricals



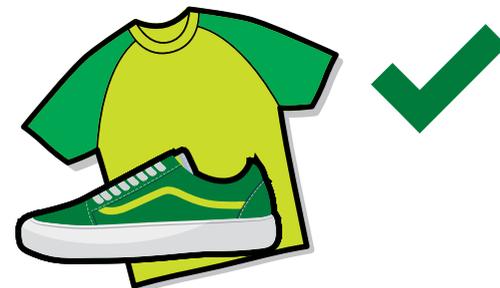
Household batteries

Small household batteries including button batteries and batteries from mobile phones and laptops



Small electrical items

Small electrical items less than 52cm x 51cm including toasters, kettles, hairdryers, irons, shavers, phones, electric toothbrushes, games consoles etc.

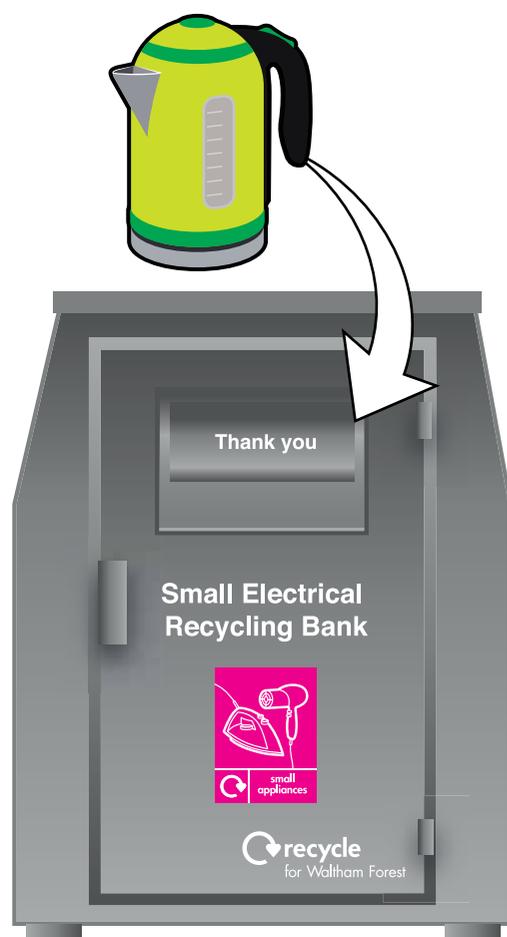


Clothing and shoes

Good condition clothes including pairs of shoes

If you live in a communal block visit our public recycling banks to recycle your textiles and small electrical items.

If you live in a street level property with two wheeled bins you can place textiles, household batteries and small electrical equipment items in a carrier bag on top of your recycling bin.



Go to walthamforest.gov.uk/recyclemore to find a public recycling bank

walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling

Food waste recycling in flats

Food waste makes up around 30% of an average refuse bin! Do you live in a flat and would like to recycle your food waste? Please let us know at wasteteam@walthamforest.gov.uk

By recycling your food waste, you are reducing the amount of waste in your general refuse bin.

YES PLEASE ✓

NO THANKS ✗



Uneaten Food



Meat and bones



Tea and coffee grounds



Rice, pasta and beans



Fruit and vegetables



Fish

Outdoor food waste unit



Packaging of any kind – plastic, paper or foil



Liquids such as milk, tea, coffee



Oil or liquid fat



Plastic bags



Garden waste



Any material that is not food waste

As part of this service you will be delivered a kitchen caddy for each flat



and a roll of compostable caddy liners to get you started.

Whenever you need to empty your caddy, tie the top and take it to your outdoor food waste unit.

walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling

Soho Theatre put final touches on move to Walthamstow

- From left to right:
- Lorna Lee, Asst Director, Culture and Heritage Services / Economic Growth
 - Mark Godfrey, Executive Director, Soho Theatre (Waltham Forest resident and co-founder of the former Waltham Forest Cinema Trust)
 - Caramel Quinn, Waltham Forest resident and part of the original grassroots campaign to save the former Granada
 - Alessandro Babalola, Olivier Award-winning actor, Soho Theatre Walthamstow sub committee board member and Waltham Forest resident.
 - Jessica Draper, incoming Head of Creative Engagement, Soho Theatre
 - Steve Lock, Head of Comedy, Soho Theatre and Waltham Forest resident
 - David Luff, Creative Director, Soho Theatre
 - Bhavita Bhatt, Development Director, Soho Theatre



Photo Credit: Waltham Forest resident Victor from Vicasso Visuals

Soho Theatre have been putting the final touches on their new Walthamstow office in Hatherley Mews. Members of the new team will move in next month to work alongside the Council on the refurbishment of the EMD Cinema.

The transformation of the space into a 950 seat theatre, which hopes to open in 2022, will develop a national profile as a cultural destination bringing important social, cultural

and economic benefits to the borough. These include an investment in new jobs, prioritised for local people, with the theatre providing a major boost to the local and night-time economy while also reinforcing the Council's commitment in ensuring it continues to build a legacy on the back of its year as the first ever London Borough of Culture.

An important member of the team will be Jessica Draper,

Soho Theatre's incoming Head of Creative Engagement who will be officially announced in the New Year when she commences in the role full-time.

The office has been designed by Jane Wheeler, a Walthamstow – based Set and Costume Designer and Scenic Artist who has been transforming stages and spaces for the likes of The Royal Opera House, Latitude Festival and Secret Cinema for over 10 years.

Waltham Forest Council, Soho Theatre and members of the community came together at a recent visit to inspect the works in progress at the former EMD Cinema. This included local residents, Olivier Award-winning actor Alessandro Babalola (Top Boy) and member of the original grassroots campaign to save the venue Caramel Quinn. They were joined by incoming Head of Creative Engagement, Jessica Draper alongside Soho Theatre's Mark Godfrey, David

Luff, Steve Lock and Bhavita Bhatt who will be working from the new office in Hatherley Mews.

Cllr Simon Miller, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Housing Development said:

"Waltham Forest Council were delighted to purchase EMD cinema during the 2019 London Borough of Culture and we were keen to maintain the cultural legacy of one of Walthamstow's most cherished venues because it provides us with a great opportunity to invest in supporting our local people, restore confidence and create more jobs. The appointment of a new creative director who also worked on our London Borough of Culture programme means there is a deeper understanding and insight of the cultural contribution our borough has to offer. We hope to work closely with local communities and young people in a whole range of events, activities and programming."

More info

For more information, and to receive regular updates:

walthamforest.gov.uk/emd

Winner! New London Awards 2020

Landmark project to restore iconic art-deco building wins prestigious award

The former EMD Cinema was announced Winner of the New London Awards 2020 Conserving Unbuilt Prize on Tuesday 17 November.

The restoration will see the historic Grade II* Listed EMD Cinema on Hoe Street transform into a 950-seat live performance venue with a focus on comedy and community events in partnership with Soho Theatre.

The theatre and cultural offer will bring considerable investment to the area and is estimated to add between £34 and £52 million to the local economy over a ten-year period. There will be jobs for local people and inside the building will be educational

facilities, bars and restaurants - amenities that will make the borough a regional destination people want to visit and enjoy.

New London Awards (NLA) who host the Awards celebrate excellence in the built environment with a focus on spaces that improve the quality of people's lives by making London a better place to live, work and visit.

The Conserving Unbuilt category is for the restoration and reuse of buildings, across any sector, where efficient use is made of existing fabric and embodied energy, from historic restorations to contemporary insertions and retrofit buildings.

The former EMD site is recognised to be of national significance as a rare surviving

example of the flamboyant work of the Granada Group, their famed architect, Cecil Aubrey Masey, and interior designer, Theodore Komisarjevsky, at the height of the cinema boom of the 1930s.

Architects Pilbrow and Partners started work on the project in 2015. The building was in a derelict and decaying state and is on Historic England's Register of 'Buildings at Risk in London'. Pilbrow and Partners had to re-imagine the Grade II* listed building to restore and revitalise it using sensitive contemporary interventions recognising the urgent need for a deliverable and sustainable solution.

In 2019, Waltham Forest Council bought the former EMD cinema in Walthamstow to ensure it remained an entertainment venue and brought economic, social and environmental benefits to Waltham Forest residents and businesses.

Cllr Simon Miller, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Housing Development, said: "We are delighted to have won this award and celebrate culture in these challenging times. The Council continues to put culture at the heart of our regeneration work everywhere in the borough, and to invest in the legacy of our year as the first-ever London Borough of Culture. We believe residents should

have the things they need in their neighbourhood within a 15-minute walk or cycle. This will be a fantastic amenity for local people, right on their doorstep."

The New London Awards was supported by the Mayor of London and the category sponsored by Urban Space Management. Watch the project's entry here: nla.london/videos/emd-walthamstow-theatre or search hashtag #NLAwards20 on Twitter.

More info

For more information on the work to restore the former EMD Cinema:

walthamforest.gov.uk/emd

Remembrance Sunday marked differently in 2020

Small, Covid-secure and socially distanced events took place during Remembrance Sunday on 8 November at War Memorials at Kings Head Hill (Chingford), Lloyd Park (Walthamstow), Coronation Gardens (Leyton) and Harrow Green (Leytonstone).

With the usual parades not being possible this year, the focus was very much on the act of wreath laying alongside a broader message to "Remember at Home". Each ceremony was attended by a small number of Councillors, but this was kept to a minimum in order to free up already limited space for veterans, Legion representatives and service personnel to attend.

The Waltham Forest Mayor, Cllr Chris Robbins visited both Leyton and Walthamstow, the Borough's Deputy Lieutenant Major Jeremy Fern was present, as were a number of community faith leaders.

The four events were organised by a combination of the Council, local Royal British Legion groups and in Chingford by Cllr, Roy Berg. The Council worked closely with all parties to ensure the events could go ahead.



Credit: Andrew Baker

Estate Parking Policy

The Council is consulting residents on our housing estates about a proposed Housing Estate Parking Policy. Before we can make any changes to our approach to parking on our estates, by law we have to consult all secure tenants.

We also want to consult all of those affected by any proposed parking policy.

The proposed policy is that where there is a need to introduce controlled parking within any Council housing estate area this would be by way of introduction of permit parking under a Traffic Management Order (TMO). Before any TMO can be implemented there would be a further consultation with those living in the housing estate area affected.

Following this policy consultation we will review the draft policy and make a decision whether to adopt it.

The consultation documents will be posted to residents affected. It can also be found at: walthamforest.gov.uk/estateparking

Selective licensing scheme

A new selective licensing scheme came into force in Waltham Forest on 1 May 2020. It applies to most privately rented properties which are let to a single-family household or two unrelated sharers.

The scheme operates in 18 of the 20 wards in the borough (exceptions are Hatch Lane & Endlebury) and will expire on 30 April 2025.

What is selective licensing?

Selective licensing helps to regulate the management of private rented properties in the borough, in order to:

- Improve property standards
- Tackle anti-social behaviour

What happens if a landlord doesn't make an application for a licence?

It is a criminal offence for landlords and managing agents to let out a property that is not properly licensed.

The council may take enforcement action, either by instigating criminal prosecution proceedings, or consider a fine of up to £30,000 for letting an unlicensed property.

A Rent Repayment Order - if granted - will require the landlord to pay back up to a year's rental income from the property.

Making an application for the scheme

Landlords are invited to take a look at our webpage in relation to the licensing schemes and to make an online application: walthamforest.gov.uk/content/property-licensing

Anyone with questions is invited to email: propertylicensing@walthamforest.gov.uk

The Council's private landlord newsletter provides up-to-date news and information, as well as invitations to regular forums (details on how to join on our website).

Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness, Cllr Louise Mitchell, said: "I urge all Waltham Forest landlords to pro-actively sign up to the scheme, which commits them to be 'hands on' with regards to the continued management and upkeep of rented homes – raising the standards of living for residents across the borough."

More info

Find out your rights as a tenant and find help with housing: walthamforest.gov.uk/content/help-housing

Money talk

If you require financial relief or assistance, we may be able to help.

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.

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

Residents should stay vigilant against fraud, not only for themselves but also vulnerable family members that could be at risk.

More info

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

Waltham Forest leads Low Traffic Neighbourhoods



LTNs make for more people-friendly streets

Creating people-friendly streets and neighbourhoods is a passion for Waltham Forest Council, as it helps support and encourage residents, visitors and people who work in the borough to walk, cycle and use public transport wherever they can.

In doing so, we improve our own and our neighbourhoods' health and wellbeing, air quality and the local environment.

Due to the pandemic, there is even more need to make London's streets more walking

Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTN) which are safe sustainable travel networks. We are introducing ten School Streets – with more to come – to make it as safe and easy as possible for residents to try walk and cycle more of their local and short distance journeys.

Further work to reduce air pollution and create safer streets for our residents includes joining up with Newham Council to create the first joint experimental Low Traffic Neighbourhood. The first phase of this project, delivered

“Making streets safer is key for us here in Waltham Forest, and we urge all residents who can to give walking and cycling a go by ditching the car for those short trips. We're pleased to have secured funding from Transport for London to develop and extend this first ever joint LTNs, making sure we're leading the way once again to create people friendly streets. Alongside creating these LTNs, we're working in partnership with local schools to create School Streets, part of the vital work to make the borough active travel friendly for our young people.”

One resident shared their thoughts on Commonplace: “This is fantastic news, I'm so pleased that low traffic neighbourhoods are becoming common and that we're finally going to be living in one... I know it can be hard for people to accept change, but I think this will ultimately lead to a happier, healthier neighbourhood that we can all enjoy, not one that is designed solely around cars.”

More info

We want to hear from you about your thoughts on this scheme, which you can share via our Commonplace website: walthamforestltn.commonplace.is/

or cycling friendly, while reducing pressure on our road and public transport networks. With London's public transport capacity significantly reduced, millions of journeys a day need to be completed by other modes of transport.

If these are replaced by car journeys, streets will become heavily congested, air quality will reduce, and road danger will increase. In some places we are already seeing traffic levels increase above pre Covid-19 levels.

We are working hard to tackle this issue by creating Low

in August 2020 introduced traffic calming measures in the Forest Gate, Maryland and South Leytonstone areas. Having now got securing further funding we will now be extending this scheme further in South Leytonstone into the areas bounded by Ferndale Road, Montague Road, Harrow Road, Cann Hall Road, Crownfield Road, High Road Leyton, the A12 and Cathall Road.

Cllr Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for the Environment, said:

A move in the right direction...

Willow Brook Primary School has seen a 20 per cent increase in the number of pupils walking, cycling and kick-scooting since introducing their School Street, with vehicles having reduced by over 50 per cent on Davies Lane, Hillyfield at the Park and South Grove since the launch of their School Street.



Picture credit: Mums for Lungs

Since the beginning of lockdown, we have hired out community bikes to 160 key workers and residents, providing more opportunities for people to try cycling. If you're interested in hiring a community cycle, head to our website: bit.ly/WFCycleHire

Last month, Hilltop Community Gardeners did some fantastic planting in the filters along Hilltop, making sure they look attractive and creating a place for nature too. It's great to see neighbours connecting during this time.

Credit: Hilltop Community Gardeners



Bringing the streets to life.

Riding through winter

Be bright, be seen

We will be handing out free bike lights throughout November. You can also request free lights, children's hi-vis and bike registration kits by visiting: bit.ly/WFBeSeen
Share photos of your new lights, by using #wfbikelights on social media.

Be prepared

Regular maintenance of your bike is crucial, and you can have a free check-up using Dr Bike. Find out when the next Dr Bike is here: bit.ly/EnjoyWFEventsCalendar

Fancy free cycle training?

Anybody who lives, works or studies in Waltham Forest can receive free cycle training through our provider, Cycle Confident. Sessions can cater for all ages, abilities and confidence levels, book here: bit.ly/WFCycleConfident

Have a road safety question?

Email: roadsafety@walthamforest.gov.uk

If you're looking to cycle to your local station to complete your journey, look into our Cycle Hub parking availability – secure, dry cycle parking at convenient locations: bit.ly/WFCycleParking

Community groups are back!

In 2020, eleven community projects were awarded up to £2,500 to deliver walking and cycling activities in the heart of our communities.

Despite Covid-19, all of the community groups have been working hard to find a way to deliver their projects safely and successfully. These projects include initiatives like Walk and Talk for Your Life who build connections and reduce loneliness in older adults, Bikeworks who are running their All Inclusive Cycling Club, and COG who are running sessions for three to five-year-olds throughout November.

Find out how you can get involved by visiting: bit.ly/WalthamForestCWCF

A walk in the park

Parks are tried and tested great places to spend time, whether on your own or with family and friends, with widely recognised positive effects on mental and physical health and which has certainly been true during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for the Environment, Cllr Clyde Loakes, said: "We have worked hard to keep our parks safe and open as best we could during the first Lockdown and are now doing what we can to keep them open during the winter months so residents can enjoy the fresh air, the space and wildlife that

thrives in the 192 hectares of greenspace we look after in Waltham Forest."

But keeping them to a high standard is a major challenge, especially when funding for councils is being squeezed so how do we do it?

A lot of the funding comes from developments in the borough where Section 106 agreements are reached to help pay for new open space as well as the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) which every new scheme has to contribute towards.

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/Covid19

Climate Emergency Commission

Waltham Forest Cabinet agreed the Climate Emergency Commission's final report at a Cabinet meeting on Thursday 3 December.

The Commission's report and recommendations will inform the Council's Climate Emergency Strategy and radically challenge us in how we as a borough, with our partners, local organisations, residents, visitors and businesses, can work together towards tackling this global issue, locally. The Council's response to the report and its recommendations will be published in Spring 2021 and will lay out measurable targets.

The Council declared a Climate Emergency in April 2019, and set up London's first Climate Emergency Commission, comprised of local, regional and national experts from across the energy, waste and wider environmental sectors. They met regularly through the year to assess themed areas; transport, homes, waste and the circular economy, businesses, biodiversity,

adaptation and resilience and behaviour change. These meetings and the responses from over 3,000 local people and 1,200 young people gathered in our Climate Survey last year, helped form their suggested recommendations.

Cllr Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment at Waltham Forest Council said: "Waltham Forest has been tackling climate change for many years, this is the next, but very crucial step. We're looking forward to reflecting on the recommendations from the Commission to help us shape and support our own, our partners, other organisations and resident's response to be more sustainable in our day to day activities and reduce our collective impact on our planet. We know that we need to change, not the climate. This is a key commitment in our new Public Service Strategy and these changes have to be made for the benefit of all."

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/content/climate-emergency-commission

Developers investing in green spaces

Jack Cornwell Park

This month sees us remember those that gave their lives in two World Wars and as part of our tribute we are improving Jack Cornwell Park in Leyton using NCIL funds.

Named after Jack Cornwell, who was born in Leyton and at the age of 16 won a posthumous Victoria Cross for gallantry at the Battle of Jutland in World War One, the



Jack Cornwell Park playarea is to be refurbished

park is popular with families from the area.

The existing wooden play equipment now needs replacing, after just 10 years, and funding has been set aside to install metal equipment and perhaps a rope climbing area.

Residents and park users are asked to send in their ideas of the type of equipment they would like to see installed before Monday 30 November 2020.

This work will be funded from NCIL.
Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/parks

Cheney Row Park

Developers involved in regenerating Waltham Forest are a key source of funds to help improve our parks through Section 106 money.

The biggest investment was in Cheney Row Park, Walthamstow, where £1.3 million was spent turning a former landfill

site into a stunning park with children's play area, an auditorium for performances, the planting of 467 trees, a wildflower meadow and an open space for informal use by visitors wanting a game of football or rounders or just a picnic.

A telescope is on top of the bank, so you can enjoy views over the nearby Walthamstow Wetlands.

Completing the investment was a BMX track that is being put to good use thanks to a partnership with COG which runs events for ladies each Friday and for young people over the weekend – that training and facility brought the first BMX team the borough has entered into the London Youth Games home with a medal last year!

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/CheneyRowPark



Cheney Row Park

Cann Hall Park

The wooden ramps and jumps installed 10 years ago for skateboarders at Cann Hall Park, Leytonstone, are well past repair so £150,000 of NCIL funding is being used to build a brand new state of the art skateboard facility at a new location in this popular park.

The new concrete facility has been designed following discussions with local skateboarders so they can enjoy their

The new skateboard area at Cann Hall Park.



sport safely without facing maintenance challenges to the development of their ollies, drop- ins and kick- turns!

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/Parks

Chingford Memorial Park

There are six tennis courts in Memorial Park, Chingford Mount but some of them are being re-purposed due to the impact of some mature trees next to them. The chain-link fences around the perimeter of the courts are over 25 years old and becoming unsafe and unsightly.

The wooden bollards between the car park and playing field are damaged and need replacing. Because of health and safety concerns some work has already been completed:

- Renewed the tennis court fencing
- Re-locate the west side tennis court fence
- Install new bollards between the car park and the park itself
- Undertake replacement of the more significantly damaged less effective east side perimeter fencing

Outdoor gym equipment has been installed on one of the disused tennis courts with raised planters and similar green initiatives installed in the remaining area to support pollinators and other wildlife.

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/Parks

Rolls Park

Building new homes at Centenary House in Lena Kennedy Close, Chingford, has brought big benefits for nearby Rolls Park where the scheme is paying £100,000 for a MUGA (Multi-Use Gym Area) to be installed in the park.

The MUGA will be accessible to people with disabilities and is likely to include:

- An Energy Cross Trainer
- An Energy Spinning Bike
- An Energy Recumbent Bike
- A Smart Energy Hand Bike, which can also be used by wheelchair users
- Two Outdoor Table Tennis Tables
- Basketball Hoops
- Football Goals

There will also be a footpath link from Centenary House to Rolls Park.

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/LenaKennedyClose

Tour our parks from your home

See our YouTube channel for videos made by John Rogers as part of the London Borough of Culture in which he explores some of our local parks and the history that can be found in them.

Info: Walthamforest.gov.uk/PimpHallPark

Caring for your health

Making sure there are enough health facilities to care for all residents is a key part of the Local Plan.

The Council works closely with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to make sure that there are modern facilities available for GPs and other health specialists to provide first class services to local people.

Where the CCG calculates extra facilities will be needed, we work with developers

to provide the premises they need, taking account of changes in health care that have happened during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The new facilities, totalling several million pounds across the borough, are paid for by the developer often from the sale of homes elsewhere in the development. Improvements in health facilities are taking place across the borough as these examples show.



Atelier Place showing the entrance to the Health Centre due to open in Spring 2021

Atelier Place, Blackhorse area

Work is underway at Atelier Place, in Sutherland Road, to fit out a new health hub which should open in spring 2021.

L&Q have completed this award-winning development of 59 affordable homes and health hub. The new health hub incorporates over 500 square metres of new health facilities and when complete, there will be 10 consulting rooms including three treatment rooms.

These will be used by GPs and specialist nurses and also provide an opportunity for consultants to run out-patient clinics locally as well as at hospitals.

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/AtelierPlace

74-79 Brunner Road, Walthamstow

October saw the crane arrive at 74-79 Brunner Road in the St James Quarter to build a mixed-use development which includes 1,500 square metres for a new health centre.

This could provide modern facilities enabling local GPs to relocate from their existing premises if they wish to do so.

The new development also delivers 83 new homes for social rent, shared ownership and outright sale. The social rent homes will be allocated via the Council's housing waiting list and local residents will have first priority for the purchase of the new homes for sale.

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/74BrunnerRoad

Coronation Square, Leyton

One of the biggest developments in the borough is the regeneration of The Score Centre in Leyton, to create Coronation Square.

The development partnership between Taylor Wimpey and the Council will see 750 new homes,

50 per cent of which will be affordable.

The scheme proposes a health centre, with 20 GP consulting rooms, as well as space for support services and scanning facilities. This will provide a health centre able to cope with increasing demand as well as offering space where specialists can hold out-patient clinics, so residents do not need to travel to hospital.

The scheme also includes a range of other community facilities including a pre-school nursery, an enhanced indoor sports and leisure centre, with community facilities including meeting rooms, an attractive civic square with shops and cafes, a District Heating Network capable of serving more than 2,000 properties and the potential extension of Auckland Road.

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/ScoreCentre

Chingford Hub

The feasibility study on creating a Chingford Hub – where the Library and Assembly Hall are currently located – and re-providing these services as an improved facility, could potentially have a new GP surgery provided as part of the scheme.

Residents have expressed concern that more local health care services are needed and including this space in the Hub is an effective way of meeting this demand.

Discussions are taking place with the Clinical Commissioning Group and residents about what could be included.

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/ChingfordHub

Whipps Cross Hospital

Plans for a new hospital continue to be developed with residents and staff through engagement events to help decide how the new Whipps Cross Hospital will provide health care and what else should be built on the site.

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/WhippsCross

Do you have an outpatients appointment or surgery booked?

Elective surgeries at Whipps Cross and the Barts Health group will continue during lockdown.

Unless you are contacted directly by the hospital to cancel or reschedule your appointment, please proceed with any pre-surgery guidance advised and read our visitor guidance before attending your appointment.

More info

bartshealth.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Night time is the right time to win awards

Walthamstow's Night Time Enterprise Zone (NTEZ) has proved to be an international winner beating entries from more than 250 cities across the world which entered the first ever Music City Awards.

The NTEZ, which was a pilot initiative by and part funded from the Mayor of London, gave a boost to business last winter by holding family-friendly events including the Walthamstow ADVENTures which saw thousands of residents go late night shopping before Christmas with most shops staying open late and many offering activities for children or whole families to enjoy.

Cabinet Member of Economic Growth and Housing Development, Councillor Simon Miller, said:

"This international recognition of our success is a great tribute to the businesses, community groups, residents and council staff who organised the events that took place."

In brief

Keep in touch

Every regeneration scheme has its own email newsletter to keep residents updated and you can sign up from our web page. We are also using the Nextdoor social media platform. Nextdoor currently has over 16,500 residents signed up to get information specific to their area.

Info: nextdoor.co.uk



Fly through Fulbourne Road

Developer, Inland Homes, has produced some videos which take you through an aerial view of their proposed development on the Homebase site, 2c Fulbourne Road, Walthamstow.

A link from our web site means you can view the videos at home or at Wood Street Library if you do not have internet access.

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/2cFulbourneRoad

Lee Valley Ice Centre

In October the Planning Committee gave approval for building a new Lee Valley Ice Centre in Leyton which will include two ice rinks and ancillary facilities.

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/LeeValleyIceCentre

Low Hall Sports Ground

Resident engagement has taken place regarding proposals for events at Low Hall Sports Ground in Summer 2021 and a planning application is expected soon.

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/LowHallSportsGround

Lea Bridge Station

A planning application for improving the access to Lea Bridge Station is likely to go to Planning Committee for consideration during the winter. The proposals provide a covered concourse and locals have been involved in engagement events for the scheme. There is still time for residents to make their views known on the proposal with details on the web site.

Info: walthamforest.gov.uk/3StationSites



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

New Council homes created

The latest project as part of the Council's ambitious plans to provide more, new high-quality Council homes is complete.

Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness Prevention, Cllr Louise Mitchell, recently paid a socially distanced visit to meet residents, Nancy and her son Ezra, at their new home on the Wadham Avenue Estate. Nancy's new home is part of a block of seven new two-bedroom family homes built on the site of unused garages on the estate in Walthamstow.



Cllr Mitchell meets Nancy and her son Ezra at their new home

Cllr Mitchell said: "We are delivering on our promise to build more Council homes. We know that getting a new home can be life changing and all our residents deserve a decent home."

Nancy said her new home had transformed life for her and her young son: "I love it here, with all the open spaces. The situation with housing has been so difficult so this is like a dream come true."

In 2019, the Council launched an ambitious housing strategy document laying out plans to help deliver 18,000 new homes over the next decade. The strategy involves working closely with housing associations in the borough and with the private sector as well as kick-starting a programme of Council house building.

The unused garage sites on some of our estates are an eyesore and can attract anti-social behaviour. Utilising this space to build much-needed new homes also improves the quality of life across the whole estate. The Council's wholly owned Sixty Bricks is set to deliver hundreds of new homes over the next few years.

Make your home energy efficient

Would you benefit from a grant to make your home more energy efficient, helping save the environment whilst saving on your energy bills?

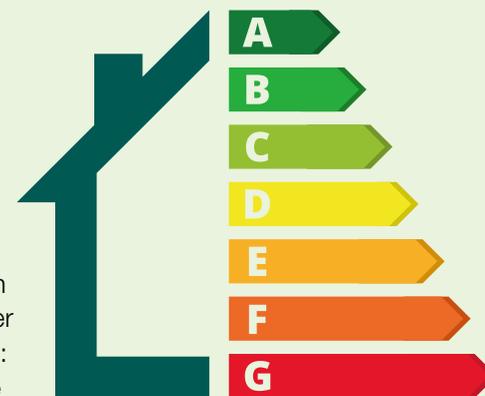
The Council has successfully bid for just under £1 million from the National Green Homes Grant scheme to retrofit energy efficient measures in some of its Council homes, and make grants available for private homes in the borough.

The scheme provides up to £10,000 per home for lower-income owner-occupiers living in a home with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rated E, F or G. Lower income is defined as a household income of less than £30,000.

Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness Prevention, Cllr Louise Mitchell, said: "In our engagement with residents last year through the climate emergency survey, 83 per cent of people told us that making existing homes more energy efficient and greener should be a priority for the Council, this is a step in that direction."

Email servicestore@walthamforest.gov.uk or call **020 8496 5525** to register your interest. If you don't know if your house has an EPC, contact us and we can help with this.

If you do not qualify as you are not in the lower-income bracket, you can still make an application for a voucher from the Green Homes scheme here: bit.ly/greenhomesgrantscheme



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Lockdown recycling rates increase

Waltham Forest residents have recycled more than ever this year despite the challenges presented by Covid-19.

From March to August 2020, our waste and recycling crews collected 1,038 more tonnes of recycling compared to the same period the previous year – a huge increase. This is down to the residents of Waltham Forest doing the right thing for

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 new service has been such a success that crews have collected a whopping four times the amount predicted in the first six months.

From March to September 2020, Waltham Forest's bin

announced we've actually seen an increase in recycling rates for Waltham Forest which has been fantastic. Our residents have not only been recycling more from home, but they've been taking advantage of our great new service for recycling batteries, small electricals and clothing.

We've now collected four times the amount we predicted for this time period which is just incredible! I want to thank everyone who's kept recycling in these unprecedented times, keeping the borough clean and helping to address the climate emergency despite the other challenges we are all facing. Together we can make a real difference."

More info

To find out more about recycling in Waltham Forest, including what goes in each bin, go to: walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling

"We've now collected four times the amount we predicted for this time period which is just incredible!"

the borough and recycling more than ever.

This data follows the welcome news that the total recycling rate for the year 2019 to 2020 was higher than the previous year – the first time we have seen an increase, rather than decrease, in four years.

Additionally, a new service

collection crews picked up over one tonne of domestic batteries, four and a half tonnes of small electrical items and nearly nine tonnes of textiles including clothes and shoes.

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for the Environment, Cllr Clyde Loakes, said: "Since lockdown was

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ELECTRICALS
CLOTHES
COLLECTED**

From March to September 2020



Over one tonne of domestic batteries



four and a half tonnes of small electrical items



Nearly nine tonnes of textiles including clothes and shoes

F.A.N

Friends and Neighbours



Friends and Neighbours (FAN) is part of Waltham Forest Council's Connecting Communities programme.

We are focused on supporting residents during the Covid-19 response, especially adults with English as a second language.

Our exciting range of free online courses, workshops and projects include:

- virtual Bollywood fitness
- virtual costume-making
- our ShareBox creative project.

We want to partner with more local organisations to plan and deliver virtual events and activities for our residents.

Contact us to take part in our free online learning or find out how your organisation can become a FAN partner!

To find out more contact:

Gregory Omeonga
Friends and Neighbours
Project Co-ordinator
✉ fan.ols@walthamforest.gov.uk
☎ 079-1877-1041

Creativity, family learning and wellbeing

Our family and community learning courses and workshops include parenting skills, helping your child with maths, learning through play, first aid, yoga and much more

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Call 020 8496 2974 or visit www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk

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Protecting the community against crime

Nearly a third of residents identify anti-social behaviour (ASB) as their main safety concern.



SafetyNet engages with young people

To address this, the Council partners with the police, emergency services, housing providers, community groups and support services for a joined-up approach that best protects the vulnerable, acts against offenders and ultimately builds more resilient communities.

The annual SafetyNet Report of these partners highlight targeted operations, such as introducing a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in the north of the borough, has

made enforcement against ASB easier.

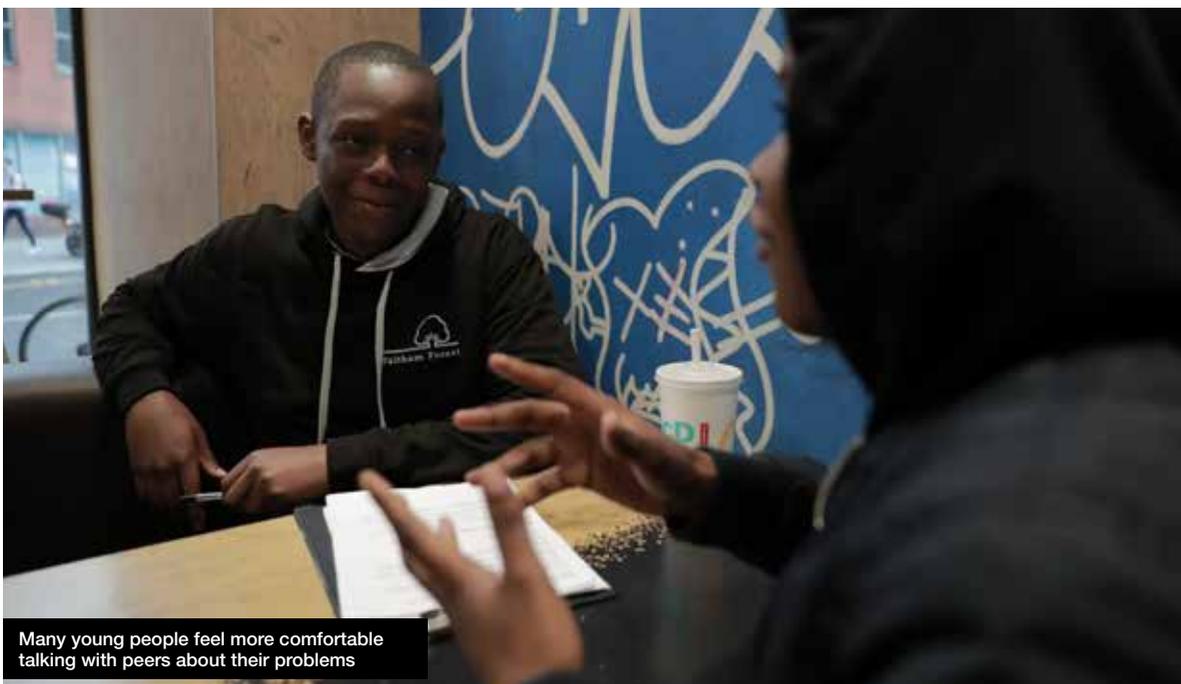
Another recent initiative was targeted enforcement in the St James area of Walthamstow that saw a 38 percent reduction in crime, and 48 community mentors trained to help support young people at risk of exploitation and violence.

Direct engagement with young people through Streetbase, a peer-to-peer outreach programme, has also so far reached 3,000 young people directly – recognising factors that lead to some young

people being exploited by criminal gangs and working to break cycles of abuse.

SafetyNet also partners with the London Borough of Hackney, Respect, and the Safe and Together Institute, to improve the way that safeguarding systems respond when children are affected by violence at home.

We are committed throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond, to ensure all young people are treated fairly and with equal respect, regardless of their background.



Many young people feel more comfortable talking with peers about their problems

What does the SafetyNet partnership do?

SafetyNet aims to reduce anti-social behaviour, gang crime, violence against women and girls, and substance misuse to create a safer, more resilient borough where all are safe and welcome.

What are SafetyNet's aims for 2020/2021?

- To curtail violent acts at source, targeting perpetrators and taking meaningful enforcement action against offenders.
- To treat those who have been exposed to violence and break the cycle of abuse.
- To support those who are at risk of violence as well those who may be exploited by criminals.
- To strengthen community resilience by giving more training and support to teachers and those who work with our young people.

Ways to help

If you see crime happening, call 999 and report it immediately. If you have information about a crime or a known criminal, you can report it to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

You can report antisocial behaviour on the council's website by visiting walthamforest.gov.uk/asb

If you are concerned that a child has been harmed, exploited, or exposed to violence please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on **020 8496 2310** or by email at **MASHrequests@walthamforest.gov.uk**

Waltham Forest residents can act as Community Mentors to support young people at risk of exploitation – find out more at **spark2life.co.uk**

We need residents and businesses to act as 'Ask Me Ambassadors' who can speak to young people concerned about gang activity or youth violence. Find out more at **ask-us.org.uk**

We have a thriving network of community organisations who support our young people. Contact us by email **communitysafety@walthamforest.gov.uk** to find out how you can get involved.

Brexit latest

At the time of going to print, the UK and EU are still negotiating about the future relationship between the two before the end of the Brexit transitional period on 31 December 2020.

The key message is that it is vital for citizens of the EU 27, the European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway), and Switzerland to apply for Settled Status to keep their right to live, work, and study in the UK after Brexit. So far over 4,000,000 people have applied for Settled Status so that they can stay in the UK after Brexit.

You must apply for Settled Status before 30 June 2021. Visit **gov.uk/brexit** to find out what you need to do and where you can get help.

Chanukah celebrations

The Winter festival of Chanukah begins on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev, which this year corresponds with the evening of Thursday 10 December, lasting eight nights until Thursday 17 December.

It is traditionally celebrated by the Jewish community with a nightly candle lighting of an eight-branched Menorah (also known as a Chanukiah), along with blessings and a popular song called Ma'oz Tsur remembering ancient stories of deliverance.

In December 2019 the community of Leytonstone and Wanstead Synagogue, with funding from the Leytonstone Make It Local Grants, shared the light of Chanukah with everybody in Leytonstone by building a 12 foot-high public Menorah outside the tube station. An additional light was lit each night, culminating in a fantastic event on the last night for everybody in the local community, comprising musical performances, talks, communal songs, dancing and traditional doughnuts, latkes and hot chocolate.

This December, the Leytonstone Menorah will once again be placed opposite the Leytonstone tube station and will again be lit for each night of Chanukah – the only public Menorah in the borough. Sadly, Covid-19 restrictions mean that there cannot be a large event like last year, but the Menorah will instead act as a focus for the Jewish community, bringing light to everyone in Leytonstone as they pass.

Ruth Solomons, secretary of Leytonstone and Wanstead Synagogue, said: "Celebrations

may be different across the borough this year, but for the Jewish community Chanukah is a way that we can come together to share light, hope and renewal, even at this time when we are apart. We would like to wish a very Happy Chanukah to everyone in Leytonstone and the surrounding area."

More info

Further details of our online Chanukah events can be found by contacting the Synagogue at lawsynagogue.org/contact

Helping the homeless

We want to make sure that no one has to sleep rough in our borough. That's our pledge in our commitments to you and part of our Public Service Strategy.

If you see someone sleeping rough in Waltham Forest you can use the Streetlink website, app or phonenumber to let us know. Alerts sent to Streetlink are passed to our dedicated outreach team who can help them access support they need.

Go to streetlink.org.uk/ where you can download the app or you can ring **0300 500 0914**.



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR NEW CIVIC SPACE, FELLOWSHIP SQUARE

There are exciting developments happening in your local civic space.

Waltham Forest Council and Countryside want to work with local people to transform the area around the Town Hall into a new neighbourhood celebrating culture and heritage, creating new affordable homes as well as exceptional green spaces for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you to those who have already participated in this phase since October 2020, sharing your priorities and commenting on the emerging designs at bit.ly/fellowshipsquare.

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing what we have heard alongside more developed designs for the Fellowship Square Masterplan. We will be offering more ways for people to get involved, have their say and provide feedback both online and offline.

Book your place for the next Online Design Exhibition
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To keep up to date, see the latest information and sign up for events please visit fellowshipsquare.commonplace.is, email fellowshipsquare@make-good.com or call us on 0203 735 7629.



28 Public notices

Council Meetings

Dec 2020

9 Dec 7.30pm
Budget and Performance
Scrutiny Committee

15 Dec 7.30pm
Housing Scrutiny
Committee

17 Dec 7.30pm
Health Scrutiny Committee

Jan 2020

12 Jan 7.30pm
Adult Social Care Scrutiny
Committee

13 Jan 7.30pm
Audit and Governance
Committee

14 Jan 2pm
at the rising of Cabinet,
Shareholder Committee
2pm
Cabinet 7pm Planning
Committee

18 Jan 7pm
Waltham Forest Safer
Neighbourhoods Board

21 Jan 7.30pm
Growth Scrutiny Committee

21 Jan 7.30pm
Children and Families
Scrutiny Committee

Meetings correct at time
of press. For a full list of
up-to-date meetings:
**democracy.
walthamforest.gov.uk/**



North London Waste Plan

Following public hearing sessions into the proposed submission North London Waste Plan (NLWP), the London Boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest are now consulting on Main Modifications to the NLWP.

The consultation is taking place from **Thursday 29 October 2020 - Thursday 10 December 2020**.

The North London Waste Plan identifies suitable land for managing waste and recycling across the seven boroughs and provides planning policies against which waste planning applications will be assessed.

All documents can be viewed online.



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LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

THE WALTHAM FOREST (SOUTH GROVE REGION) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) (NO. 1) ORDER 2021 (TT31(20))

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest (the Council) **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that it intends on making an Order to allow for the installation of an electricity supply to an L & Q development site by Infinity Network, to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner.
2. The general effect of the Order would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to :
 - (a) prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) from entering, proceeding, waiting or loading for any purpose, at any time, in the following roads:
 - Brunner Road E17 - All
 - Falmouth Way E17 – All
 - (b) prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) from waiting or loading for any purpose, at any time, in Gosport Road E17 - west side - between its junction with Falmouth Way and No. 34 Gosport Road
3. The general effect of the Order would also be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, in Brunner Road E17 (when open) to prohibit all motor vehicles and cyclists from proceeding at any time in any direction other than in an anti-clockwise manner commencing between its junctions with South Grove and exiting at its junction with St James Street (from its junction with South Grove proceeding north-westwards, then south-westwards and then south-eastwards toward its junction with St James Street);
4. Whilst works are being carried out and only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait or load for any purpose, at any time, within 15 metres of the junction of any road adjoining the roads or sections of roads contained in paragraph 2 above.
5. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, advance warning signage and alternative routes for traffic shall be in place.
6. Whilst works are being carried out and only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed the one-way working and no-entry prohibition in Falmouth Way will be suspended.
7. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.
8. 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 (if the works allow) – (except item 3).
9. The Order would come into operation on 5th January 2021 and would be valid for a maximum period of 12 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner (this applies to all sites mentioned in paragraph 2 above and allows for unforeseen constraints which may abort works until a future time).

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 above-mentioned roads which would give more specific details on the exact dates of the restrictions and effects of any temporary traffic management as necessary.*

Dated **7th December 2020**

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

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

PROVISION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PLACES (T45(20))

The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. 66) Order 2020

The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No. 66) Order 2020

1. **NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the London Borough of Waltham Forest (hereinafter referred to as "The Council") on 7th December 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. The general effect of the Orders would be:
 - (a) to remove 12 metres of Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) permit holders parking space and provide an electric vehicle charging place for two vehicles in the following locations: **Carnarvon Road E10** (WXS CPZ) on the north-west side, adjacent to No. 10 Peterborough Road; **Clyde Place E10** (VFR CPZ) on the east side, opposite and north of No. 2 Clyde Place; **Farnan Avenue E17** (LPE CPZ) on the east side, opposite Nos. 2 and 4 Farnan Avenue; Fillebrook Road E11 (LSW CPZ) on the south side, adjacent to No. 16 Drayton Road; **James Lane E11** (WXS CPZ) on the north-west side, opposite Nos. 47 and 49 James Lane; **Marten Road E17** (LPN CPZ) on the west side, adjacent to No. 13 Cazenove Road; **Nottingham Road E10** (WXS CPZ) on the south-east side, opposite Nos. 95 and 97 Nottingham Road; and **Victoria Road E17** (FRN CPZ) on the north-west side, opposite Nos. 2a and 2/4 Victoria Road;
 - (b) to remove 13 metres of Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) permit holders parking space and provide an electric vehicle charging place for two vehicles in **Norman Road E11** (CTN CPZ) on the east side, adjacent to No. 24 Gramer Close;
 - (c) to remove 12 metres of pay by phone / free short stay (15 minutes) parking space and provide an electric vehicle charging place for two vehicles in **Crownfield Road E15** (CF CPZ), on the north side, opposite Nos. 75 to 79 Crownfield Road; and
 - (d) to remove 11 metres of pay by phone / free short stay (15 minutes) parking space and provide an electric vehicle charging place for two vehicles in **Hollydown Way E11**, on the east side, approximately 40 metres north of Nos. 2 to 16 Peach Grove; and
 - (e) to provide that the electric vehicle charging places referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d) above would be available 'at any time' for the use of any electric vehicles whilst charging at an adjacent electric vehicle charging post, limited to a maximum period of 4 hours, between 8am and 6.30pm on Mondays to Sundays inclusive.
2. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation from **7th December 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.

3. 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 **7th December 2020**

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

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

THE WALTHAM FOREST (VARIOUS ROADS) (STRUCTURAL PROGRAMME) (VARIOUS MEASURES) (NO. 1) ORDER 2021 (TT34(20))

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that it proposes to make an Order to enable carriageway maintenance and lining works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner.
2. The general effect of the Order would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) from entering, proceeding, waiting or loading for any purpose, at any time, in:

GROVE GREEN WARD

Colville Road E11

(estimated between 11 to 29 January 2021)

HALE END & HIGHAMS PARK WARD

Waterworks Roundabout E17 – east side (no access to Woodford New Road (south of waterworks) and the A406 westbound from Woodford New Road (north of waterworks)) – up to 10 days (estimated between 11 to 22 January 2021 – Phases 1 and 2**)

HOE STREET WARD

The Drive E17 (outside Mace House)

(estimated between 11 to 12 January 2021)

ENDLEBURY WARD

St Egberts Way E4

Hungerdown E4

(estimated between 18 to 21 January 2021)

MARKHOUSE WARD

Ringwood Road E17

(estimated between 4 to 6 February 2021)

Wellesley Road E17

(estimated between 8 to 10 February 2021)

HIGH STREET WARD

Coppermill Lane E17

(estimated between 11 to 26 February 2021)

Hazlwood Road E17

(estimated between 25 to 26 January 2021)

Haroldstone Road E17

(estimated between 27 to 28 January 2021)

Salop Road E17

(estimated between 1 to 3 February 2021)

York Road E17

(estimated between 1 to 26 February 2021)

3. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose, at any time, within 30 metres of the junction of any road adjoining the roads or sections of roads contained in paragraph 2 above.
4. Whilst works are being carried out in any roads or part of roads mentioned in this paragraph the one-way workings for those roads will be temporarily suspended. The one-way roads in question are:
Callis Road E17, Colville Road E11, Tennyson Road E17 and Trelawn Road E11
5. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic would be indicated by traffic signs.
6. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.
7. The prohibitions 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.
8. The Order would come into operation on 11th January 2021 and would be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works are completed, 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 above mentioned roads which would give more specific details on the exact dates of the prohibitions (the above dates are not absolute but are estimated), effects of any temporary traffic management and diversion routes as necessary.*
- ***During phase 1, A406 slip on towards eastbound will be closed and traffic will be diverted via Billet Roundabout from Monday 11 January 2021 for 5 days (24 hours) as per the Traffic Management plans associated with this notice(TM)*
- ***During phase 2, Southbound Woodford New Rd and A406 slip on towards westbound will be closed and traffic will be diverted via Charlie Browns Roundabout from Monday 18 January 2021 for 5 days (24 hours) as per the TM plans associated with this notice(TM) - please contact Kuhan.Thurairajah@walthamforest.gov.uk.*

Dated **7th December 2020**

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

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 6 AND 45 MINOR BATCH 3 2020 BOROUGHWIDE MISCELLANEOUS WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS, CPZ PARKING PLACE PROVISION AND AMENDMENTS, PEDAL CYCLE CONTRAFLOW

The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No. 65) Order 2020

The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. 65) Order 2020

The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (No. 2, 1981) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2020

The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (St. Mary Road E17) Traffic Order 2020

1. **NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Council of The London Borough of Waltham Forest on 7th December 2020 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6 and 45 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:
 - a. in **Cann Hall Road E11 (CN) - south-east side** – convert a CH permit parking place outside No. 33 CN to double yellow line “at any time” waiting restriction (this will join existing waiting restrictions either side) for visibility and emergency service fire hydrant access;
 - b. In **Billet Road E17** (north-west to south-east arm running parallel to the north-west bound A406 slip road) extend the existing double yellow line “at any time” waiting restrictions on the west and south-west side from its junction with the A406 slip Road southwards so that it covers the whole south-west side to prevent obstruction;
 - c. in **Wilmot Road E10 (WL)** –
 - i. convert the whole double yellow line “at any time” waiting restrictions between Nos. 28 and 32 WL to CPZ parking space for WR permit holders only operating Mon-Sat 8am to 6.30pm;
 - ii. convert permit parking space to double yellow line “at any time” waiting restrictions from a point in line with the north-east facing boundary of No.32 WL north-eastwards for 1.8 metres;
 - d. in **Winns Avenue E17 (WN)** –
 - i. convert the single yellow line waiting restriction (except for 1.8 metres from a point outside the north-east facing boundary of No. 240 WN north-eastwards) to CPZ parking space for WA permit holders only operating Mon-Sat 8am to 6.30pm;
 - ii. convert single yellow waiting restrictions to double yellow line “at any time” waiting restrictions from a point in line with the north-east facing boundary of No.240 WN north-eastwards for 1.8 metres
 - e. in **First Avenue E17 (FA)** convert

a loading place and visible double yellow lines to a Restricted Zone (RZ) between the western boundary of No. 1 FA and its south-western extremity Nb. Waiting is restricted “at all times” within the zone.

- Loading is permitted. No yellow lines will be provided except entry and exit sign to the RZ; and
- f. exempt pedal cycles from the one-way section of **Milton Road E17** and allow westbound contraflow movement between Browns Road and Hoe Street;
 - g. **St. Mary Road E17** – to prohibit motor vehicles from entering into or proceeding in that part of St. Mary Road which lies between the north-eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 3.5 metres south-west of the common boundary of Nos. 79 and 81 St. Mary Road (as proposed in Waltham Forest News 23rd March 2020); and
 - h. reduce by 5 metres the length of an existing Pay by Phone parking place to allow for the provision of secure bicycle parking structure on the highway (as authorized under section 63 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) namely in **High Road, Leytonstone E11** – west side – outside No. 771 High Road;
3. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation from **7th December 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.
 4. 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 **7th December 2020**

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

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 9 EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDERS, SECTION 65 AND 66 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – CYCLE TRACKS, AND PROVISION OF CYCLE LANES (scheme ref: LBWF T49(20)) DUDLEY ROAD AND CHANDOS AVENUE - CLOSURES TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT CYCLES (MODAL FILTERS) REMOVAL OF PARKING PLACES AND ONE-WAY SYSTEM AND PROVISION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS. BEACONTREE AVENUE, CLIFFORD ROAD, FARNAN

AVENUE, FOREST ROAD, FULBOURNE ROAD, HALE END ROAD, KINGSLEY ROAD AND ST. JOHNS ROAD – PROVISION OF WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS. KINGSLEY ROAD AND ST. JOHNS ROAD – PROVISION OF LOADING BAYS – E17 STREETS

The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (Dudley Road and Chandos Avenue) (No. 1) Experimental Traffic Order 2020,

The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No. 68) Experimental Order 2020

The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. 68) Experimental Order 2020

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on **7th December 2020** made the above-mentioned Order under sections 9, 10 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The experimental Orders mentioned above will come into force from **14th December 2020**; and may continue in force for up to 18 months.
2. The general effect of the experimental Orders in **Forest Road and adjoining roads** and in **Chandos Avenue** and **Dudley Road**, to coincide with cycle and pedestrian improvements by providing low traffic neighbourhoods, will be:

- (a) within the two sections of **Forest Road A503** (both sides, excluding any locations where bus stops, pedestrian crossing facilities or the existing club parking place are provided and across any junctions with adjoining roads) that lie: (1) between the party wall of Nos. 629 and 631 Forest Road and the western boundary of No. 951 Forest Road; and (2) between Beacontree Avenue and Woodford New Road:
 - (i) to convert all single yellow line waiting restrictions to no waiting “at any time” restrictions (double yellow lines);
 - (ii) to provide no loading “at any time” restrictions (double kerb blip markings), except on north-west side, outside Nos. 795 to 813 Forest Road and outside Nos. 839 to 847 Forest Road, where the existing loading restrictions would continue to apply;
 - (b) to convert all single yellow line waiting restrictions to no waiting “at any time” restrictions (double yellow lines) and provide no loading “at any time” restrictions (double kerb blip markings) in the following lengths of road (being lengths of road having junctions with Forest Road A503):
 - (i) **Farnan Avenue**: (1) west side, for 7 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Forest Road; and (2) east side, for 11 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Forest Road;
 - (ii) **St. Johns Road**: (1) west side, for 15 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Forest

Road; and (2) east side, for 28.5 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Forest Road;

- (iii) **Clifford Road**: (1) west side, for 18 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Forest Road; and (2) east side, for 12.5 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Forest Road;
 - (iv) **Kingsley Road**: both sides, for 7 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Forest Road;
 - (v) **Fulbourne Road**: west side, for 12 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Forest Road;
 - (vi) **Hale End Road**: both sides, for 5 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Forest Road; and
 - (vii) **Beacontree Avenue**: east side, for 11 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Forest Road.
- (c) on the west side of **St. Johns Road**, to provide a loading bay that would operate between 7am and 7pm on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive, extending northwards from a point 15 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Forest Road for 10 metres;
 - (d) on the east side of **Kingsley Road**, to provide a loading bay that would operate between 7am and 7pm on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive, extending northwards from a point 7 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Forest Road for 10 metres, replacing 10 metres of existing pay by phone parking space;
 - (e) in **Dudley Road**
 - (i) to close to motor vehicular traffic (including motorcycles, not including pedal cycles) the full width of the highway between a point 4 metres west of the western kerb-line of Chingford Road and a point 5 metres west of that kerb-line;
 - (ii) to remove the one-way system between Bedford Road and Chingford Road, allowing two-way traffic between Bedford Road and the closure referred to in paragraph 2(e)(i) above;
 - (iii) to provide double yellow line “at any time” waiting restrictions across the west facing end of the closure mentioned in paragraph 2(e)(i) above, at 90 degrees to the north and south kerb lines; and
 - (iv) north side - suspend permit parking space for a total of 10 metres adjacent to No. 97 Chingford Road and replace with double yellow line “at any time” waiting restrictions; and
 - (v) south side - suspend permit parking space for a total of 9.5 metres adjacent to No. 95 Chingford Road and replace with double yellow line “at any time” waiting restrictions; and
 - (f) in **Chandos Avenue**
 - (i) to close to motor vehicular traffic (including motorcycles, not including pedal cycles) the full width of the highway between a point 4 metres east of the eastern kerb-line of Chingford Road and a point 5 metres east of that kerb-line (all vehicular traffic will be prohibited from

proceeding or entering); and (ii) to provide double yellow line “at any time” waiting restrictions across the east facing end of the closure mentioned in paragraph 2(f)(i) above, at 90 degrees to the north and south kerb lines.

3. NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Council:

- (a) intends to provide mandatory Cycle Lanes operating “at any time” in certain lengths of **Forest Road A503**, as follows:
 - (i) north side, from a point 3 metres west of the western wall of No. 631 Forest Road to the western wall of No. 795 Forest Road;
 - (ii) north side, from a point 6.5 metres west of the western kerb-line of St. Johns Road to a point 2 metres east of the eastern kerb-line of Clifford Road;
 - (iii) north side, from a point 28 metres east of the eastern kerb-line of Fulbourne Road to a point 53 metres east of that kerb-line;
 - (iv) north side, from a point 110 metres east of the eastern kerb-line of Fulbourne Road to a point 18 metres west of the western kerb-line of Hale End Road;
 - (v) north side, from the eastern kerb-line of Beacontree Avenue to a point 13 metres east of that kerb-line;
 - (vi) north side, from a point 63 metres east of the eastern kerb-line of Beacontree Avenue to a point 17 metres west of the western kerb-line of Woodford New Road;
 - (vii) south side, from the eastern kerb-line of Falmer Road to a point 40 metres west of the western wall of No. 740 Forest Road;
 - (viii) from a point 18 metres west of the western wall of No. 740 Forest Road to a point 32 metres west of the western kerb-line of Wood Street;
 - (ix) south side, from 28.5 metres west of the common boundary of Nos. 822 and 824 Forest Road to a point 4 metres west of the common boundary of Nos. 846 and 848 Forest Road; and
 - (x) south side, from a point 4.5 metres east of the eastern kerb-line of Beacontree Avenue to a point 85 metres west of the western kerb-line of Woodford New Road; and
- (b) in accordance with section 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980, intends to convert/modify or re-create certain lengths of the footway and carriageway space of **Forest Road A503** into segregated cycle track for use by cyclists in the following locations (the cycle tracks are proposed to aid cyclists to connect the cycle lanes referred to above and are positioned so as to avoid bus stop facilities):
 - (i) north side, from the western wall of No. 795 Forest Road to a point 6.5 metres west of the western kerb-line of St. Johns Road;
 - (ii) north side, from a point 2 metres east of the eastern kerb-line of

- Clifford Road to a point 4 metres west of the western kerb-line of Kingsley Road;
- (iii) north side, from a point 53 metres east of the eastern kerb-line of Fulbourne Road to a point 110 metres east of that kerb-line;
- (iv) north side, from a point 13 metres east of the eastern kerb-line of Beacontree Avenue to a point 63 metres east of that kerb-line;
- (v) south side, from a point 18 metres west of the western wall of No. 740 Forest Road to a point 40 metres west of that wall; and
- (vi) south side, from 28.5 metres west of the common boundary of Nos. 822 and 824 Forest Road to a point 56 metres west of that common boundary.
4. Documents giving more detailed particulars of the experimental Traffic Orders and cycle lanes and cycle tracks can be inspected on request by emailing enjoy@walthamforest.gov.uk during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, from 7th December 2020 until the Orders cease to have effect, or online at: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations>.
5. Where it appears necessary for certain purposes, an authorised officer of the Council may, in pursuance of section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, modify or suspend any provision of the experimental Traffic Orders while they are in force.
6. The Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the experimental Traffic Orders should be continued in force indefinitely by means of permanent Traffic Orders made under sections 6, 45, 46 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. *Any person may object to the introduction of the cycle lanes and cycle tracks and the making of the permanent Orders for the purpose of such indefinite continuation within a period of six months beginning with the day on which the experimental Orders come into force or, if the Orders are varied by another Order or modified pursuant to section 10(2) of the 1984 Act, beginning with the day on which the variation or modification came into force.* Any such objection must be made in writing and must state the grounds on which it is made and be sent to: **Traffic Orders, Highways, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS**, or by emailing: enjoy@walthamforest.gov.uk quoting reference T49(20) – **Forest Road A503 Cycle improvements**. Any objection may be communicated to, or be seen by, other persons who may be affected.
7. If any person wishes to question the validity of any the Orders or of any of their provisions on the

grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, 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 Orders are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated **7th December 2020**

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

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST INTRODUCTION OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT AND WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS IN CERTAIN HOUSING ESTATE ROADS, AREAS, OR LAND BY THE ISSUE OF PENALTY CHARGE NOTICES AND AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED OR PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS (batch 1 amendments)

The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No. 67) Order 2020

The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. 67) Order 2020

The Waltham Forest (Off-Street Parking Places) (Amendment No. 18) Order 2020

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest (hereinafter termed "the Council") on **7th December 2020** made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 35, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA), as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be to provide in the Council's housing estates:

- a) On-street waiting restrictions, or, waiting and loading restrictions operating "at any time" on the roads specified in schedule 1 to this notice (in some cases this would involve extending lengths of existing double yellow lines or converting single yellow lines); and
- b) Off-street restricted parking areas operating "at any time" specified in schedule 2 to this notice (areas where waiting or loading will be restricted to vehicles);

All to be enforced under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

*Free parking places or individual free parking bays will be provided within the on-street and off-street areas within the restricted roads or areas mentioned in the Schedules to this Notice. Parking outside or incorrectly within the boundary of a parking bay or parking place would result in a contravention and the issue of a Penalty Charge Notice. Outside of each free parking place or individual free parking bays in any roads or areas mentioned in the Schedules to this Notice will be marked by either double yellow lines,

or instead of double yellow lines, sign plates at the entrance of these roads or areas stipulating that a 'Restricted Zone - no waiting' is in force. In some cases, the signs may be supplemented with 'except in marked bays' where parking is granted. With a restricted zone no double yellow lines will be on the ground.

Note: All '*excepted' areas mentioned in the Schedules below will be marked-out free parking places or bays on the highway by means of white lines or other surface area demarcation.

3. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation from **7th December 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.

4. 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 **7th December 2020**

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

SCHEDULE 1 – ON STREET ESTATE ROADS

LINNETT CLOSE E4 – all arms - from its junction with Larkshall Road to its northernmost extremity – the whole road – except for 29 perpendicular

parking bays covering all inset areas set at 90 degrees to the carriageway; **(north-east side)** 6 metres of parallel parking opposite the rear of 22 Larkshall Crescent; **(west side)** 14 metres (2 spaces – existing disabled person's parking places) adjacent No. 1; and **(south east, south-west and southern sides)** between the double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions at its junction with Larkshall Road and a point opposite the north-west facing wall of No. 33;

SCHEDULE 2 – OFF STREET ESTATE AREAS

40 ST MARY ROAD ESTATE (OFF ST MARY ROAD E17) – the whole area - except for 3 bays (perpendicular parking) on the west side of No. 40 St Mary Road

LINNETT CLOSE E4 (section leading to Holland House) – the whole area - except for 8 parking bays as designated (6 on the east side and 2 on the west side)

Planning

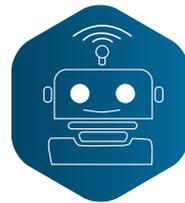
<p>LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST Notice of Application for Planning Permission Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (England) Order 2015 Notice under Article 15</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Given that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.</p>		
Application no:	Applicant Name	Site Address:
203496	C/O Agent	"Low Hall Sports Ground", South Access Road, Walthamstow
tas0078	C/O Agent	Formation of 71 temporary resident car parking spaces & the construction of emergency generator compounds to each side of the existing boiler plant room
<p>LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990- Section 67</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application affecting a building within a conservation area has been made to the Council.</p>		
Application no:	Applicant Name	Site Address:
202873	C/O Agent	5 Wingfield Road, Walthamstow, E17 9NN
tas0021	C/O Agent	1 Churchill Mews, Woodford Green, IG8 9DP
202966	C/O/Agent	Flat 3, 6 High Street, Walthamstow, E17 7LD
203502	C/O Agent	21 Orford Road, Walthamstow, E17 9NL
203494	C/O Agent	50 High Street, Walthamstow, London, E17 7LD
203503	C/O Agent	21 Orford Road, Walthamstow, E17 9NL
<p>LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990- Section 67</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application affecting a Listed Building has been made to the Council.</p>		
Application no:	Applicant Name	Site Address:
tas0098	C/O Agent	Listed Building Consent for the installation of perimeter security fencing and electronic accessible gates
<p>The applications are available to view on the following website: https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/search-planning-applications</p> <p>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..</p> <p>Dated this day 7th December 2020</p> <p>Justin Carr Assistant Director – Development Management and Building Control London Borough of Waltham Forest</p>		

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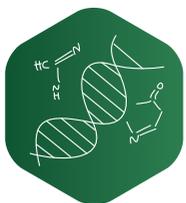
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We will ensure that all of our care homes have the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) they need

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We will support our schools with advice and practical help so they can stay open and safe

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Stay Safe Champions getting ready to engage with residents

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We will help to bring jobs to our borough

We will promote and enforce the rules to keep our residents safe



PL84U Foodbank

Waltham Forest is currently in Tier 2 – HIGH ALERT which means:

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY 	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS 	RETAIL 	WORK AND BUSINESS 
No mixing of households indoors apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.	Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants.	Open. Please choose local wherever you can this Christmas.	If you can work from home, you should do so.
EDUCATION 	INDOOR LEISURE 	PERSONAL CARE 	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 
Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities are open.	Gyms and leisure centres can reopen, but you must keep apart from anyone you do not live with.	Open. Please support our local businesses wherever you can.	15 guests for a wedding, 30 guests for funerals.
ENTERTAINMENT 	PLACES OF WORSHIP 	TRAVELLING 	EXERCISE 
Open. Make sure you only socialise indoors with the people you live with.	Open, but you cannot interact with anyone you do not live with.	Reduce your journeys if you can and make sure you wear a face covering on public transport.	Classes and organised sport can take place outside, but cannot take place inside if there is any interaction between people who do not live together.

If you need support at this time, then we are here for you.
For information, support and guidance, please visit

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