What is an Area Action Plan and why do we need one for Wood Street?

Waltham Forest Council is preparing a Local Development Framework (LDF) to guide regeneration and development in the Borough for the next 20 years. The LDF is a series of planning documents, and will include Area Action Plans (AAPs) for areas likely to experience major change. Wood Street is such an area, so an AAP is now being prepared.

The Area Action Plan (AAP) will encourage investment and plan for population growth. It will help to strengthen the town centre and make it more attractive by creating new shops, housing, and community facilities and improving the public realm, whilst protecting the unique character of Wood Street. The AAP should help to bring about real change in this area over the next decade.

For further information please visit the Council's webpage: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/ldf

Your Opinion is Important

In autumn 2010, we asked for your views on the Town Centre Public Realm Improvement Scheme and construction works on the scheme has started recently. Building on this public realm project, we are now seeking your views on the wider Wood Street area. The Council has identified Wood Street as a regeneration area and, as the AAP will be used to determine new planning applications, it is important that we have a clear idea of what the key issues facing the area are.

Your views are very important, so please take the time to answer the following questions.

I like the following things most about Wood Street:



Things you may want to think about:

- What kind of town centre should Wood Street be? What type of shops do we need in the area?
- Where should the heart of Wood Street be? How can Wood Street Town Centre be improved?
- How can we protect what is special about Wood Street?
- What type of housing should we try to provide and where?
- How can we minimise the use of energy and the impacts on climate change?
- How will people get to Wood Street? How can we encourage you to walk, cycle and use public transport to Wood Street?
- How can we make the area safe and secure?
- What facilities should be protected and/or additionally provided? For instance schools, libraries, play areas, pubs, banks, doctor surgeries etc.

I would like to be kept informed of progress on, and have the opportunity to comment on the Wood Street AAP. My contact details are:

Name[.]

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

The Council welcomes electronic consultation responses. If you would like to comment on our LDF documents via the internet. please tick here. (You will need to have provided an email address for this).

I think the main problems in Wood Street are as follows:

I think the following should be considered as "Top 3 Priorities" for the Wood Street Area Action Plan to address:

1)_____

2)_____ 3)

I think the following sites should be considered for redevelopment as part of the Wood Street Area Action Plan:

Any other comments? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Please return this form by the 25th March 2011 to

Planning Policy, Waltham Forest Council, Fir Tree House, Forest Road, E17 4JF Alternatively, you can email us your comments: planning.policy@walthamforest.gov.uk

There will be further opportunities for you to get involved in the preparation of the AAP. If you provide your contact details, we will keep you informed. Alternatively, you can visit our webpage and check the WFN for upcoming events and attend Ward Forum Meetings.