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Dear Resident or Stakeholder,

### **Have your say on the future development of Waltham Forest**

Waltham Forest has a real opportunity to improve for the better. The regeneration that is happening throughout East London can bring new and exciting opportunities to the residents and businesses of Waltham Forest. However, to take full advantage of this, we need to plan the Borough in a way that will maximise the benefits for everyone.

To take this forward, the Council is seeking feedback on a plan that sets out how the Council will manage and plan for change and development over the next 15 years. The plan is called the **Local Development Framework Core Strategy Preferred Options** document. This new plan deals with the most significant planning issues facing Waltham Forest. Planning affects many aspects of our lives: from where we can live, to where we can work, to where and how we can enjoy ourselves. So it is important that we get it right.

Evidence shows that people living in East London, which includes Waltham Forest, earn less money, have fewer qualifications and tend to lead less healthy lifestyles than people living in other parts of London. To change this, the key aim of our plan is to make sure that people living and working in Waltham Forest have the same life opportunities and experiences as the rest of London. To do this, the plan proposes policies that will bring better quality housing at prices local people can afford, create new, well paid jobs, and create an environment that will be attractive and green making Waltham Forest the sort of place that people will want to live in for years to come.

Our plan is now out for public consultation. It sets out the Council's preferred policy options for creating a better Waltham Forest. These options have been proposed after listening to the previous comments of local people, businesses and government agencies at earlier stages in the plan's preparation. The document is published with other related documents including Sustainability Appraisal and Equality Impact Assessment.

The Council really wants to hear your opinion on this very important document and whether or not you agree with the Council's suggested policy approach. Consultation on the Core Strategy Preferred Options will run from **Monday 11 January 2010 to Friday 19 February 2010**.

The document can be viewed by:

**Attending a community council meeting – for information on your nearest meeting visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-councils](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-councils)**

**In hard copy at Waltham Forest Libraries, Waltham Forest Direct Shops, and Sycamore House, Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex**

Visiting the Council's consultation portal at <http://walthamforest-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

**Logging onto the Council's website and filling in an online survey at [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/ldf)**

**Writing to the Council at**  
Core Strategy Preferred Options Consultation  
Spatial Planning Team  
Fir Tree House, Waltham Forest Town Hall  
Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4JF

For more information please contact the Waltham Forest Spatial Planning Team on 020 8496 3000.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Glenday', written in a cursive style.

Gordon Glenday  
Head of Spatial Planning