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New funding to help families in housing crisis

More help for residents to tackle cost of living crisis

A new £2million Families in Housing Need fund to support those in housing crisis has been announced.

With child poverty at 45 per cent in the borough and one in six Waltham Forest households struggling to access food, the new fund will help provide an essential safety net for households facing an immediate crisis related to their home.

"We need to ask ourselves the difficult question - what more can we do to help these families?"

Cllr Grace Williams, Leader of Waltham Forest Council, said: "One of the hardest issues we face is families, often single parent families, who are struggling with housing costs.

"They may be having difficulty getting essential goods or even facing eviction if they are in rent arrears. We need to ask ourselves the difficult question - what more can we do to help these families,



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not only with housing but employment and family support?

"Please keep an eye on the council's social media channels or our e-newsletters for more information soon. We are making plans to ensure that the money is used to

help those in most need. The new fund is in addition to the measures we put in place to support struggling families through winter."

The announcement has been agreed as part of the Council's work to tackle the cost of living crisis, which

most residents say is their biggest concern in 2022. It follows a £5.5m investment in October 2021 that included £1.4m for children's services, £400,000 to help people in the borough age well, and £230,000 to connect Waltham Forest residents with good jobs.

Over the winter, the Council launched an additional £250,000 Household Support Fund in partnership with Citizens Advice offering grants of up to £750 for eligible households.

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Council Leader, Cllr Grace Williams



No cuts to frontline services

The last two years have not been easy. Throughout this time, we've ensured the services residents rely on have continued, including regular bin collections, protection for those escaping domestic violence, and keeping care homes and libraries open.

Speaking to many of you, I know the cost-of-living crisis is the biggest issue we face. Food and energy bills are rising faster than wages, National Insurance is

increasing, and Universal Credit is being cut. It can all seem very overwhelming. We have put in extra funds to help those struggling to pay bills, reduce debt, or find work.

The reality is the Government has reduced the funding we receive by almost a half in the last decade. We are faced with the stark choice between stripping back services when they are needed most or putting up Council Tax.

On Thursday 3 March, Waltham Forest

councillors approved the 2022/23 budget to fund essential services and support residents. The budget sees no cuts to frontline services. Council Tax will increase by a total of 4.12 per cent from April 2022 - for the average family in Waltham Forest in a Band C property that means an extra £1.31 per week.

This is a 1.99 per cent rise in basic Council Tax, alongside a 1 per cent increase to fund Adult Social Care that can only be used to support

people with complex health or care needs. The Mayor of London has also increased his part of Council Tax by 8.78 per cent.

This decision isn't an easy one. We are committed to supporting our residents most in need and have invested an extra £5.5 million to support our younger and older residents most impacted by the pandemic.

Our jobs programme found over 500 new jobs for residents. We've supported 4,464

adults in long term care. We continue to make sure our children don't go without free school meals, even in the holidays, and we introduced extra support to ensure all children in Waltham Forest get the best start in life.

The measures we are taking ensure we can prevent cuts to the services you rely on. We must continue to invest whilst ensuring that residents who are struggling have someone to turn to in their moment of need.

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£5.5m investment in Waltham Forest and its residents, including **£1.4m** for children's services, **£400,000** to help people in the borough age well, and **£230,000** to connect Waltham Forest residents with good jobs to help everyone in the borough make the most of their life chances.



An extra **£2.91m** to support Children's and Adult's Social Care services, so that everyone feels safe, valued, and welcomed in Waltham Forest. An additional **£1.5m** will be raised through the Adult Social Care precept, and this money can only be used to care for vulnerable adults.



Residents can look forward to using improved parks and playgrounds across the entire borough as the Council invests over **£400,000** in projects like new seating, upgraded play equipment, and new trees and plants.



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Read all about it!

Storytelling and dressing up events to celebrate World Book Day in Waltham Forest



"I used to love the Dr Suess books. Up until age four I was partially deaf, and books were a precious connection to the world and offered me hours of entertainment. It's wonderful that children in our borough will have so many opportunities here in Waltham Forest to develop a love of books."

Cllr Paul Douglas

Reading books fires up our imaginations, shapes our understanding of the world around us and give us access to other lives.

World Book Day took place on Thursday 3 March to celebrate the art and importance of storytelling. In Waltham Forest, many schools, libraries, early years settings and children's centres held story time sessions and dressing up events themed around favourite characters from cherished books.

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"Every book we read helps build the love of reading"
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Cllr Alistair Strathern, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, visited Leytonstone Toy Library to take part in a reading of *The Tiger Who Came To Tea* by Judith Kerr, a classic much-loved by many generations of children.

Parents, carers and children attended the session, with story time and singing, and many families dressed up as their favourite characters from books for a competition.

Cllr Strathern said: "Every book we read helps build the love of reading that we know is so important to education and learning, and it was lovely to see so many celebrating World Book Day once again."

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"Our son is captivated by the stories, and the puppets!"
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Storytelling events help improve literacy and build communication and social skills, encourage self-expression and support shared learning across generations. Chit-Chat Pitter-Pat hold sessions for under-fives all year round in Waltham Forest, offering a range of fun story and rhyme activity sessions for parents and carers.

Local mum Fiona said: "We love these storytelling sessions, it's great that they are open to everyone, you meet so many parents in your local area and our son is captivated by the stories, and the puppets!"

Waltham Forest has invested over £4 million in libraries across the borough to provide state-of-the-art facilities for new generations of visitors.

This included the re-opening of Lea Bridge Library in 2021 following major changes, the restoration of Walthamstow Library to its full glory, and a new library in Wood Street, Walthamstow.

More info

Find out more about learning opportunities available to parents and carers here:
bit.ly/ChitChatPitterPat

Donate a book scheme

In Waltham Forest, Leyton schools Willowbrook and Newport have been supporting their local, independent book shop, Phlox Books by offering parents a chance to 'Donate a Book' to the schools via the shop instead of donating money directly to the school, with Phlox books adding 5 per cent to each donation.

Phlox Books owner Aimée Madill said: "As a parent to three young children and local bookshop owner, I know how important having

reading resources is. We specialise in diverse, inspiring and beautiful children's books so will be calling on all our expertise to create the greatest selection for our children.

"Choose Local is a great initiative and we are delighted that local organisations like schools are supporting their community through buying books at their local shop. The pandemic has been hard for so many businesses and this is a great way to support the community, and our children's reading through access to books."

Leyton-based illustrator and author Jenni Desmond, author of *The Polar Bear*, said: "My favourite is *Where The Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak. I love how we as the reader can escape into Max's dreamlike world, which slowly floods through the pages of the book, and we feel like we are dancing and stomping all of our frustrations out alongside him and his wild things."

Walthamstow-based author and illustrator Benji Davis, author of *Grandad's Island* and *the Storm Whale*, said: "My favourite picture book of recent years is *Du Iz Tak* by Carson Ellis, which my daughter and I love reading together. The story is told through pictures and 'insect language'.

Leytonstone mum Lucy said: "I love Robert Louis Stevenson's "A Child's Garden of Verses" illustrated by Brian Wildsmith - it's the illustrations I remember most.

My son Caleb likes the poetry in this book and is always asking questions about what they mean."

Leyton mum Niamh said: "I read my battered old copy of *The Enchanted Wood* to our children. I know the story has dated, but it was lovely to remember lying in bed listening to my dad reading it to me and my sisters when I was their age, and for them now to discover Moonface and Silky and all the characters living up the Faraway tree!"



University of Portsmouth partnership progresses

New campus in Waltham Forest under discussion

The prospect of a new higher education venue in the borough is closer as Waltham Forest Council's Cabinet agree to continue support for a partnership with the University of Portsmouth.

"The opportunity to pursue higher education should be available to everyone"

The Council cited several reasons for its support of a London campus, primarily increasing education and training opportunities by creating the only higher education campus in the area.

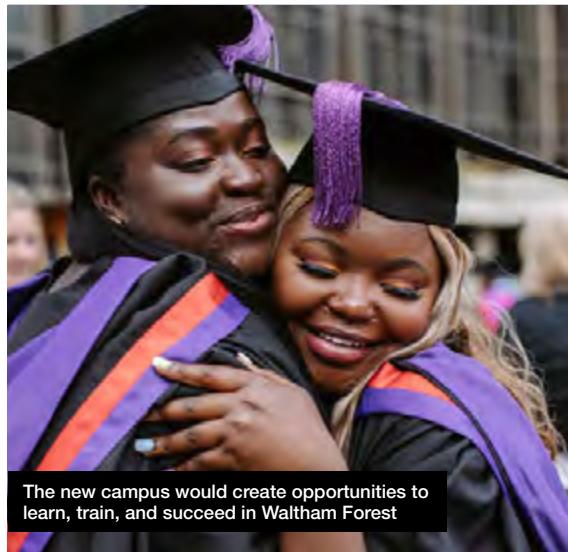
London is expected to continue major population growth over the next decade, especially amongst the 18-24 age range. Higher education institutions like the University of Portsmouth are vital to helping Waltham Forest meet its future skills needs.

The borough was selected as the best place to consider opening a London campus due to the strong economic growth the area has experienced in the past decade, the vibrant nature of the area, and its excellent transport links.

Since the agreement to work on a business case for the partnership with the University of Portsmouth was agreed by Cabinet in September 2021, the Council has been consulting key stakeholders in the borough including schools, education institutions, and young people.

The University of Portsmouth is due to decide on the next steps of any partnership at the end of March 2022.

"We want all our young people to have every opportunity to gain the skills that will help them reach their potential"



The new campus would create opportunities to learn, train, and succeed in Waltham Forest



Easier access to higher education helps more people get the skills they need to succeed

If the proposals are taken forward, the project will have immediate benefits for the borough including new jobs for Waltham Forest residents and a boost to the local economy. The new campus could start to welcome its first students in 2023.

Cllr Alistair Strathern, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said: "We want all our young people to have every opportunity to

gain the skills that will help them reach their potential." As well as enhancing employment opportunities for local people, the University would offer wider longer-term benefits by giving local businesses the chance to be involved with innovative research.

Cllr Simon Miller, Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity, said: "Education and training is absolutely vital to making sure we have the right

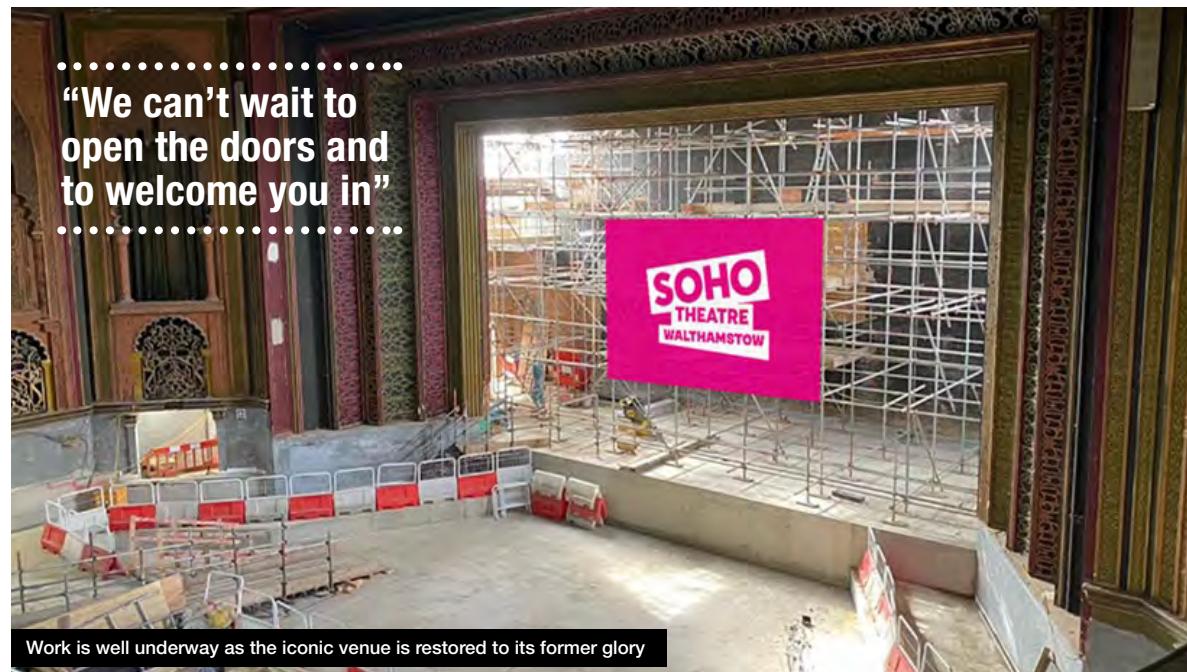
skills here in our borough to prepare and connect residents with high-quality jobs. If we have a University of Portsmouth campus in the heart of our borough, it will give everyone opportunities to learn right on our doorstep. It would be a huge and exciting development for Waltham Forest."

More info

Find out more by visiting bit.ly/UoPWF

Stage set for Soho Theatre Walthamstow reopening next year

New name unveiled as work continues restoring iconic venue to former glory



Work is well underway as the iconic venue is restored to its former glory

The official new name of a historic Grade II* entertainment venue on Hoe Street, Walthamstow has been announced as Soho Theatre Walthamstow.

Previously known as the Granada and EMD cinemas, the building

is currently under extensive redevelopment into a 950-seat theatre. It is set to reopen in early 2023–20 years after it was last used as an entertainment venue.

The site was bought by Waltham Forest Council in 2019 after a robust local campaign, which Soho

Theatre joined twelve years ago, to secure the former Granada's future as a 'local theatre with a national profile'. The venue will be run by Soho Theatre, pioneers of live comedy and performances.

Soho Theatre Walthamstow promises a programme packed

with comedy from the biggest international names to rising stars, as well as theatre, pantomime, and screenings.

Cllr Paul Douglas, Cabinet Member for Culture, said: "Soho Theatre, London's most vibrant producer of new theatre, comedy, and cabaret, has found a natural second home in Waltham Forest, the capital's first-ever Borough of Culture. Soho Theatre Walthamstow will be a beacon for the biggest names in the performing arts as well as its rising stars.

"Establishing a new identity for the former Granada represents a key milestone in its regeneration and the next chapter in the building's long and storied history."

Work by partners Willmott Dixon Interiors is well underway. It will preserve the building's rich 21st century heritage, including the original art deco construction by architect Cecil Aubrey Masey and Moorish-style interior by famed Russian-British theatre director Theodore Komisarjevsky

as well as the vibrant 1960s redecorations and extra detailing from the venue's Bollywood cinema days.

Willmott Dixon Interiors has already made a £4.3m 'social return on investment' from local spend, project labour and added value. 99 per cent of project money spent has been with small or medium-sized supply-chain partners and 49 per cent of labour is from within 10 miles of the site.

Mark Godfrey, Waltham Forest resident and Soho Theatre Executive Director, said: "Soho Theatre Walthamstow is an incredible cultural investment from Waltham Forest Council. It is testament to the inspiring local campaign to save the venue and all the brilliant efforts that many people put into that. We can't wait to open the doors and to welcome you in."

More info

For more information, check the Council's website at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/EMD

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Autism Acceptance Week

How we're making the borough more friendly for all residents

This year, World Autism Acceptance Week takes place between Monday 28 March and Sunday 3 April. Previously known as World Autism Awareness Week, this week is recognised annually to improve awareness and acceptance of autism.

In Waltham Forest, the Council is continuing to work to make the borough a more autism-friendly environment. At the start of 2022, it recruited an Autism Strategy Project Manager to oversee the delivery of the all-age autism strategy.

As part of the strategy's action plan, an Autism-Friendly Charter for Waltham Forest will be created that will be a set of standards where organisations in the borough can sign up and become more autism-friendly.

The charter will be co-produced with autistic people, parents and carers, and organisations across the borough.

It is crucial that autistic people have their say in what matters

Cllr Khevyn Limbajee, Cabinet Member for Adult Services, said: "There has been a shift from awareness to acceptance because most people will now be aware of autism. However, stigma and stereotypes still remain.

"Autism can affect people in different ways and acceptance can help create bigger change so that autistic people can be understood and included."

It is crucial that autistic people have their say in what matters most across all areas to make Waltham Forest autism-friendly. If you are an autistic person, a business or a community group and would like to help shape the charter, please get in touch using the details below.

The Council would also like to hear about experiences of the borough as an autistic person, in different spaces and organisations across the borough, or as an employee. Personal stories will help to inform actions taken to improve the borough for all.

Working to create a borough where all feel safe, valued, and welcome



More info

Find out more about the new Waltham Forest All Age Autism Strategy by visiting bit.ly/WFAutismStrategy

Council to deliver #WhippsWontWait petition



Over 11,000 resident signatures to be presented to Government

In October 2021, Waltham Forest and Redbridge councils joined local MPs to launch the cross-party #WhippsWontWait petition campaign to send a clear message to government that the community needs a new Whipps Cross Hospital.

The dire state of some hospital buildings and the added strain of the ongoing pandemic has put Whipps Cross under immense pressure. Staff and patients urgently need a first-class hospital.

Thanks to more than 11,000 people from the local area, there are more than enough signatures to present to

ministers at HM Treasury. On Monday 21 March, the Leader of the Council and Mayor of London Sadiq Khan will hand in the petition for them to respond.

The petition demands the government gives Waltham Forest a Fair Deal and funds a new hospital as promised. In November 2021, the planning application for Whipps was approved. This means that there is more urgency for the funding.

The new hospital will have 30 per cent more clinical space, meaning that each year it will be able to treat an extra 10,000 day-case patients and deliver 25,000 more outpatient appointments.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to improve the health of residents

This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to improve the health of residents.

Thank you to all the supporters who have helped the campaign get this far. There's still time to add your signature or share it with friends and family – the more people that sign, the more impact the petition will have. Now is the time to put the pressure on to secure a brand-new hospital that residents deserve.

Sign the petition at bit.ly/WXPetition

8 Fellowship Square

A space for all communities to enjoy

The Community in Fellowship Square fund was launched last year to give everyone in Waltham Forest the chance to host cultural events and activities in the square.

Projects funded during the first round will take place over the coming months and are open to everyone in Waltham Forest. Applications for Tier 2 projects open in April.

Holi Festival Celebration

Sunday 20 March: 2:30 - 4:30pm

Hosted by the Faith Friendship Club, this event will commemorate the Hindu new year festival of Holi with music and dance performances in Fellowship Square.

Pakistan Day Poetry

Saturday 26 March: 3 - 7pm

The Waltham Forest Pakistani Community Forum will host this celebration of Pakistani culture with poetry and music in the Waltham Forest Town Hall's Council Chambers

Nigerian Cultural Celebration

Sunday 3 April: 11:30am - 4:40pm

This celebration of Nigerian Culture will include drummers, acrobatic dancing and health professional drop ins. Hosted by Nigerian Community in Waltham Forest.

Board Games Competition

Saturday 16 April: Time TBC

The Man Den take over the foyer of Waltham Town Hall for a games tournament aimed at boys from the black community aged 8-16.

African Loom Weaving afternoon

Saturday 23 April: 10am - 5pm

This event will showcase the African Art of Loom Weaving in the foyer of Waltham Forest Town Hall. Hosted by the Writers and Actor Forum.

Employment Support for Eastern European residents

Work Rights Centre will host three separate outreach events in Waltham Forest Town Hall where experienced Romanian and Bulgarian-speaking staff will offer employment advice for Eastern European residents.

Wednesday 30 March: 10am - 4pm

Wednesday 13 April: 10am - 4pm

Wednesday 27 April: 10am - 4pm



Performers wow the crowds at fabulous Fellowship Square

Celebrating a new neighbourhood and cultural centre in the heart of the borough

Phase 2 of Fellowship Square scheme begins with ground-breaking ceremony



On Tuesday 8 March, the Leader of Waltham Forest Council Grace Williams and Cabinet Member for Economic Growth Cllr Simon Miller joined representatives from

Countryside Properties for an event to celebrate the start of Phase 2 works at Fellowship Square.

The ceremony celebrated the working partnership between the Council and Countryside

Properties, who have started work on the regeneration scheme.

The scheme will see the creation of hundreds of new jobs, driving economic recovery in the borough.

Thousands of residents have already enjoyed visiting the brand new, state-of-the-art fountain outside Fellowship Square, which has seen children and families from across the borough enjoy the water and light shows.

The second phase of work at Fellowship Square will create 433 new homes, a new civic building and café, and a sensory garden alongside the planting of 200 new trees

and the restoration of the war memorial outside Assembly Hall. There will also be a programme for schools and colleges to visit and learn about apprenticeships and training opportunities.

Cllr Miller said: "We are delighted to be working with Countryside Properties to be delivering the next phase of Fellowship Square, which will create hundreds of jobs for local Waltham Forest residents."

Our vision is for Fellowship Square to become a welcoming and unique town hall space and 365 day a year cultural venue that the whole community can enjoy."

"We are delighted to be working with Countryside Properties to be delivering the next phase of Fellowship Square"

Fellowship Square will build on the legacy of Waltham Forest being the Mayor's first-ever London Borough of Culture in 2019.

More info

To find out more about this exciting project and to sign up for regular email updates please visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/fellowship-square



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Lovely Jubilee

Residents are invited to host street parties to mark the special four-day bank holiday weekend, Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022, as the country celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee for 70 years on the throne.

"Street parties help bring the diverse communities of Waltham Forest together"

Jackie, who has lived in Leyton for almost 40 years and has already celebrated three major jubilees for the Queen, said: "This area has changed so much I love it when everyone gets out and meets all the neighbours. The Queen has been around for my whole life, and let's face it, nobody wants to be still working at 95, she definitely deserves a big party!"

If residents are interested in organising an event, they should

consult their neighbours to get support before applying to the Council and road closures can take place only in quiet residential roads. The deadline to receive applications for the Jubilee weekend is Monday 9 May 2022.

The Council will also loan street party organisers road closure signage and cones and provide a special 'Platinum Jubilee Street Party' toolkit with ideas for how you can make your communities event extra special.

Cllr Ahsan Khan, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion, said: "Street parties help bring the diverse communities of Waltham Forest together. All residents can apply to hold an event on this very special Platinum

"The Queen has been around for my whole life... she definitely deserves a big party"

Jubilee - I can't wait to see your plans this June."

The Council is holding a range of other Platinum Jubilee events - keep an eye on our website and social media for more soon.

More info

To get more information and to apply to host a party of your own visit bit.ly/partyWF

Residents invited to hold street parties over bumper Bank Holiday weekend



The Ukraine crisis



"The unprovoked aggression of dictator Vladimir Putin against the people of Ukraine has rightly raised anger across the world. We stand united in sending a clear message: This illegal, immoral invasion must stop now. The Ukrainian people should be able to live in peace, safety, and security."

"Waltham Forest has a long and proud history of providing support and assistance for those experiencing persecution. Over the last decade alone, the community has gone above and beyond to support the Syrian people when brutalised by another vicious dictator, Bashar al-Assad, and again to help Afghan refugees fleeing the Taliban. Now we are ready to assist the Ukrainian people in their hour of need."

"There are no winners in war. The human cost is felt by the families and loved ones of those who are needlessly lost."

Cllr Grace Williams, Leader of Waltham Forest

"Waltham Forest has a long and proud history of providing support for those experiencing persecution"

Waltham Forest has the fourth-highest number of Ukrainian residents in London. Here are details for organisations that represent Ukrainians in the UK:

The Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB) is the largest representative body for Ukrainians in the UK. The London branch is located at 154 Holland Park Avenue, London, United Kingdom, W11 4UH. Visit www.augb.co.uk or email london@augb.co.uk or call 020 7229 8392

The Ukrainian Institute in London is a registered charity that is a centre for Ukraine-related educational and cultural activities in London. Visit www.ukrainianinstitute.org.uk or email info@eerc.org.uk

Ukraine Advice Project UK is a pro bono referral scheme for Ukrainian nationals providing free UK immigration and asylum advice from qualified lawyers. Visit www.advice-ukraine.co.uk or email ukraine@freemovement.org.uk

How can I help?

You can donate to the Disasters Emergency Committee, a group of 15 leading UK aid charities that work together at times of crisis overseas, to support people fleeing Ukraine at www.dec.org.uk

Coffee Treasure Coffee Shop in Highams Park is arranging for a delivery of supplies to Poland. Contact oksanalevchuk28@gmail.com for more information.

Queens Boundary Community is arranging #CookforUkraine events at Thomas Gammel Park Café to raise money. Contact qbcmarkhouse@gmail.com for more information.



Jacqueline's story: finding friendship and support through Carers First

When Jacqueline's family's life took an unexpected turn, the Waltham Forest mum realised she wasn't alone

Jacqueline never considered herself a carer. Looking after her husband during his ill-health and supporting her teenage son was always "just a part of having a family and being a mum."

However, when Jacqueline's doctor referred her to Carers First, a charity that helps people providing unpaid care to family or friends, she was for the first time able to speak with people in similar situations who both understood and empathised with her situation.

"I didn't know I was entitled to any support as a carer"

Attending Carers First's talks, clubs and virtual meetups gave Jacqueline the confidence to recognise that she was doing her difficult job well. Carers First helped Jacqueline to learn about the support available to her, as well as building long-lasting friendships along the way.

Jacqueline was looking forward to her life with Nicholas when

they married in 2011. But six months after their wedding Nicholas became ill with ulcerative colitis; he had an operation which removed 80 per cent of his colon, lost half his body weight and was bedridden for the following year and a half during his recovery.

"I have been encouraged and gained confidence in myself"

Then in 2015, Nicholas was diagnosed with and treated for prostate cancer. Throughout this time caring for Nicholas, Jacqueline has also been raising the youngest of their three sons, who is now 17 years old. He is planning to start studying for a university degree next year.

Jacqueline says: "It has been a traumatic, turbulent ride for me, my husband and our children. I do not get the luxury of having respite or time off, so finding time for myself is amazingly difficult."

But through Carers First, Jacqueline has made new, "accommodating, kind,

supportive and funny" friends who are also carers. Jacqueline says that her friends "helped me understand how important I am to my husband, our children, our community and to myself."

Jacqueline's friends have encouraged her to take time out from her caring responsibilities, helping her to appreciate the importance of "recharging and remaining fit to care for Nicholas."

This has led to new hobbies and unexpected sources of happiness. Jacqueline says: "I've discovered that I can sew, and that I am brilliant at sewing. In sewing I have found my happy, restful place, and learned how to sew patchwork quilts, which I love!"

As well as friendship, Jacqueline has learned about the carer's grants that both she and Nicholas are entitled to. In 2021 she was awarded a grant, which she was awarded on the condition she spends the funding entirely on herself.

Before her introduction to Carers First, Jacqueline says: "I didn't know I was entitled to any support as a carer, or that there



Nicholas and Jacqueline (Image thanks to R. Peter)

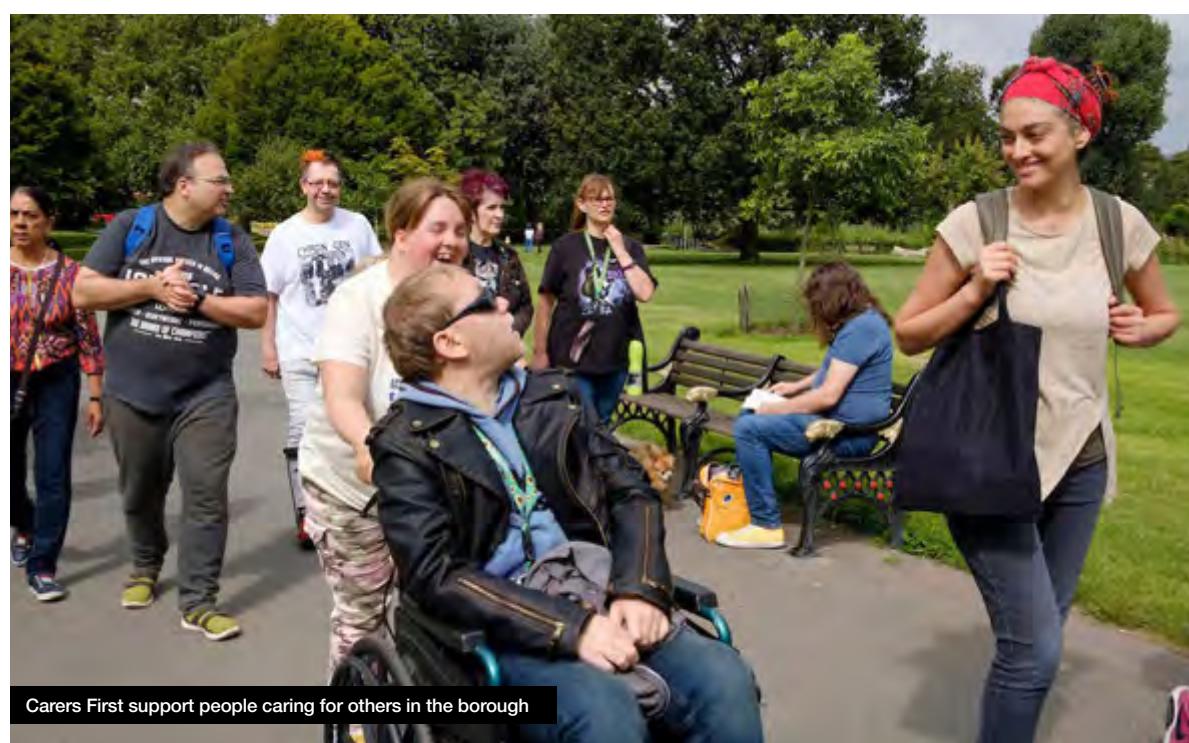
are people looking out for carers health, safety, and wellbeing."

Jacqueline advises anyone who is in a similar situation to her to contact Carers First. During the pandemic, Jacqueline found accessing vital healthcare and advice difficult. Her network of fellow carers stepped in to offer guidance: "I was able to cope through the help and support of the group chats with other carers."

What would Jacqueline say to anyone who is reading this and looking after loved ones? "I used to think that being labelled a 'carer' would increase the pressure on me. But I have been encouraged and gained confidence in myself. The support from Carers First has been a real blessing for my family."

Cllr Khevyn Limbajee, Cabinet Member for Adult Services, said: "Unpaid carers are some of the hidden heroes in Waltham Forest, providing vital care and support to their family and friends with health conditions every day."

"But unpaid carers may not realise their role, and that financial and individual support is available to those who need it. Our message to unpaid carers in Waltham Forest is that you are not alone. Carers First works with Waltham Forest Council to provide help, support, companionship and friendship to people caring for others."



Carers First support people caring for others in the borough

More info

For more information visit bit.ly/Carersfirst or call 0300 303 1555

Household Support Fund benefits local households

Payments of up £750 distributed to families in most need



With one in six Waltham Forest households struggling to access food in 2021, and one in five Londoners saying cost-of-living pressures were their number one concern, the Council and Citizens Advice Waltham Forest are working together to provide

a lifeline to people who are finding it difficult to make ends meet.

Citizen Advice's standing in the community make them ideal partners to help distribute the Household Support Fund, emergency grants of up to £750 per

household to help people pay for food, transport, debt relief and other essentials.

“The Household Support Fund is part of our commitment to look out for everyone in Waltham Forest”

After it was established in late January 2022, the two groups have worked together to identify the most vulnerable households in the borough who need support the most.

Joanna Bellis, Service Manager at Citizen's Advice Waltham Forest, said: "The pandemic has made a difficult situation harder for so many people. Problems around debt, benefit changes, inflation and unemployment are combining to create a situation we haven't seen for many years."

The Household Support Fund is on top of measures to support families struggling with food, fuel, or household essentials over the winter. These include Local Welfare Assistance, Discretionary Housing Payment and Discretionary Council Tax Hardship Payments.

The Council is also offering support services to local people who are worried about money through local libraries, where staff will be able to explain what support is available and how to access it.

“The pandemic has made a difficult situation harder for so many people”

Cllr Grace Williams, Leader of Waltham Forest Council, said: "Every day I see the effect the cost-of-living crisis is having on households struggling to balance the budget."

"That's why the Council will continue to maintain the safety net that has stopped some of the most vulnerable people in our community from falling through the cracks this winter."

"The Household Support Fund, alongside measures to provide support for those struggling with accessing food or paying their rent, is part of our commitment to look out for everyone in Waltham Forest. We are all in this together and we are on your side."

Visit bit.ly/CitizensAdviceWF or call 0808 2787 838 (freephone Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm) to request assistance from Citizens Advice Waltham Forest.

More info

If you are worried about money, visit our website see what support is available: bit.ly/MoneyWorriesWF

Mandy's story*



Mandy is a single mum with three children who lives with a chronic health condition that causes severe pain and affects her mobility.

A mouse infestation at her Leytonstone home meant she was unable to use her kitchen

and left her mattress unusable. After assessing her situation, Citizens Advice Waltham Forest decided that Mandy and her family were barely able to meet basic costs of living.

Mandy said: "I found the process really quick. A week

after my application was submitted, I had received my payment. It was very smooth, and I found the team really helpful and understanding."

A payment of £743 from Waltham Forest Council's Household Support Fund helped Mandy pay for food, gas and electricity, clothing for her children and a new mattress.

Mandy said: "A week after the payment I have already purchased and received my new mattress which is amazing as my condition causes me a lot of pain. This has contributed to me being able to sleep better and care for my children. My payment will help me to feed my family, heat my home and take away some of the worry."

*Names and locations have been changed.



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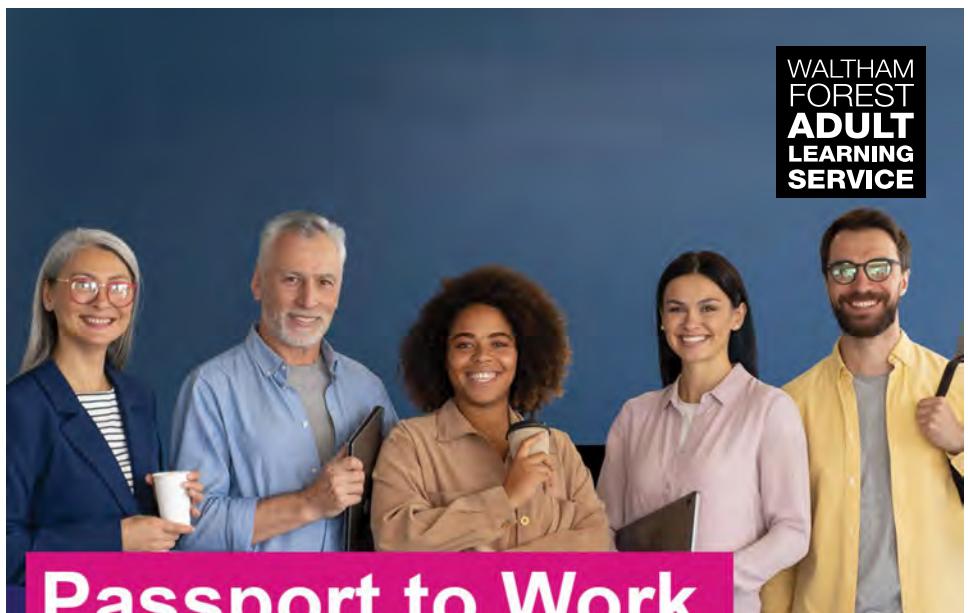
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Arts, Crafts, Fashion and Horticultural Gardening						
AC00010A	Start Sewing	JC	26/04/2022	18:00	5	£65
AC0166C1	Introduction to Upholstery	QR	26/04/2022	10:00	5	£80
AC0136C1	Nuno Felt Scarf	QR	27/04/2022	10:00	1	£30
AC00023C1	Ceramics Beginners	JC	28/04/2022	10:00	8	£120
AC00056C1	Art: Strat Drawing	QR	29/04/2022	10:00	5	£80
AC00073C2	Garment Making Level 1	QR	30/04/2022	10:00	5	£166
AC0219C2	Textile Crafts Online	O	18/04/2022	10:00	3	FREE
AC0224C2	Craft Course Online	O	26/04/2022	13:30	5	FREE
HO0050C2	Park Life	JP	20/04/2022	10:00	5	FREE
HO0042C1	Plant Lover's Walk	JP	26/04/2022	10:00	1	FREE
HO0037A	Gardening Skills Level 1	LP	30/04/2022	08:30	7	£173
Business, Finance and Enterprise						
BU00011A	AAT Access Award in Bookkeeping	QR	25/04/2022	18:00	10	£151
BU00015A	Starting you own Business	QR	25/04/2022	18:30	10	£142
BU0029A	Social Media for Business	QR	26/04/2022	18:30	10	£124
Community						
CO0201C2	Traveling Seeds	JC	04/04/2022	10:00	1	FREE
CO0227C2	Mindful Ceramics	JC	27/04/2022	13:00	5	FREE
CO0177A	Food Safety in Catering Level 2	JC	25/03/2022	09:30	1	£60

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Digital Skills						
DI00041X	EXCEL - Charts	QR	02/04/2022	10:00	1	£36
DI0080A	Essential Digital Skills - Level 1	JC	25/04/2022	13:00	11	FREE
DI0088A	Digital Skills for work - Level 2	JC	25/04/2022	10:00	10	FREE
DI0077A	Essential Digital Skills - Entry 3	QR	27/04/2022	10:00	11	FREE
DI00040X	EXCEL - Formulas and Functions	QR	26/03/2022	10:00	1	£36

Course code	Course title	Venue	Start date	Start time	Wks	Costs
EN00027C1	Creative Writing	O	26/04/2022	12:30	10	£120

Course code	Course title	Venue	Start date	Start time	Wks	Costs
FA0113C4	Lets Explore Easter Arts and Crafts	QR	02/04/2022	10:00	1	FREE
FA0120C4	Lets Explore Easter Arts and Crafts	QR	02/04/2022	13:00	1	FREE

Course code	Course title	Venue	Start date	Start time	Wks	Costs
HA00021A	Cutting Hair - Level 2	JC	28/04/2022	09:30	10	£247
HA00022A	Colouring Hair - Level 2	JC	29/04/2022	09:30	10	£247

Course code	Course title	Venue	Start date	Start time	Wks	Costs
CO0241C2	Gentle Yoga Guided Relaxation	O	28/04/2022	19:50	5	FREE
CO0242C2	Introduction to Mindfulness	O	30/04/2022	10:00	5	FREE

Venue	Address
QR	Queens Road Learning Centre, 97 Queens Road, Walthamstow E17 8QR
JC	The Junction, 2–4 Cathall Road, Leytonstone E11 4LF
LP	Lloyd Park, Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4PP
JP	Leyton Jubilee Park, Seymour Road, London E10 7BL
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From Project Zero to local hero

Youth group hosts Chingford residency

Jovan, 22, has been attending Project Zero, a not-for-profit youth organisation for the past eight years. "It's a place to see your friends and have fun," he says. "There's a real sense of community at Project Zero."

Project Zero aims to engage young people in positive activities to promote social inclusion, reduce anti-social behaviour and strengthen communities by providing fun and educational activities free of charge to everyone who attends.

Over February and March 2022, Project Zero held a residency '228' on Chingford Mount Road, a former camera shop where Waltham Forest Council has a two-year lease to renovate the space.

Since it opened in autumn 2021, the multi-use space has already been used for a range of community engagement activities including Plaster Works Chingford with Blackhorse Workshop, contemporary art exhibitions and workshops, and a sustainable fashion pop-up for local makers.

During the February half-term Project Zero held an activity-packed week offering young people a range of fun activities including everything from skateboard design workshops

to football mentoring and drawing competitions.

Fun activities such as gaming stations were available where the children could compete on old-school games such as Space Invaders and Tekken, or the more futuristic option of virtual reality headsets, which were a big favourite among the attendees. The variety of activities aims to create an inclusive and engaging environment for everyone.

Founder Steve Barnabis started Project Zero with the aim to see a year with no deaths of a young person resulting from knife crime: "We engage young people in positive activities that promote social inclusion and reduce antisocial behaviour. For us, it's all about creating spaces where young people can feel safe and engage with friends; everyone is welcome at Project Zero."

Steve adds that Project Zero tries to "look at very complex issues behind why a person might turn to carrying a knife or get caught up in youth violence".

"It's all about creating spaces where young people can feel safe and engage with friends"



Project Zero also offers a variety of opportunities for the young people who visit to enhance their employment prospects and develop skills. Since Jovan joined Project Zero when he was 14, he has progressed to become a session manager. Other youth workers joined Project Zero through the 'Kickstarter' scheme, six-month work placement schemes for young people who are on Universal Credit, and were then offered long-term jobs, providing young people with opportunities beyond the activities on offer.

Cllr Ahsan Khan, Cabinet Member for Community

Project Zero also offers opportunities for young people to enhance their employment prospects

Safety, visited one of the sessions, said: "It's really great to see the children enjoying themselves and getting the chance to socialise with each other, while taking part in such a wide range of activities."

Cllr Alistair Strathern Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, who also attended, described Project Zero as "doing some absolutely phenomenal work, not only by offering opportunities, but a lot of fun too."

Project Zero were resident at 228 through to the end of March, and alongside the activities for young people, they hosted a series of events focused around employment and future enterprise, including promotion of apprenticeship opportunities.

More info

Find out more about Project Zero by visiting bit.ly/ProjectZeroWF



Some of the attendees at the Project Zero half term event



Skate expectations at a design workshop

Charging forward on sustainable transport

Partnership with Liberty Charge sees 76 new electric vehicle sockets across 22 sites



Cllr Clyde Loakes and Liberty Charge CEO Neil Isaacson

Electric vehicle charge point (EVCP) infrastructure in Waltham Forest is set for a significant boost with the installation of new on-street charge points, owned and operated by Liberty Charge and delivered via its sister company Virgin Media O2.

Following Liberty Charge's initial roll out in March 2021, the addition of 76 new sockets in February this year brings the total across Waltham Forest to 96 sockets across 32 sites. The Council also aims to install an

additional 35 Liberty Charge bay locations later this year as part of its wider sustainable transport strategy.

The ongoing installation of EV infrastructure is putting the borough's sustainable transport strategy into action, encouraging residents to make the switch to low emission vehicles as well as promoting cycling and walking in the borough.

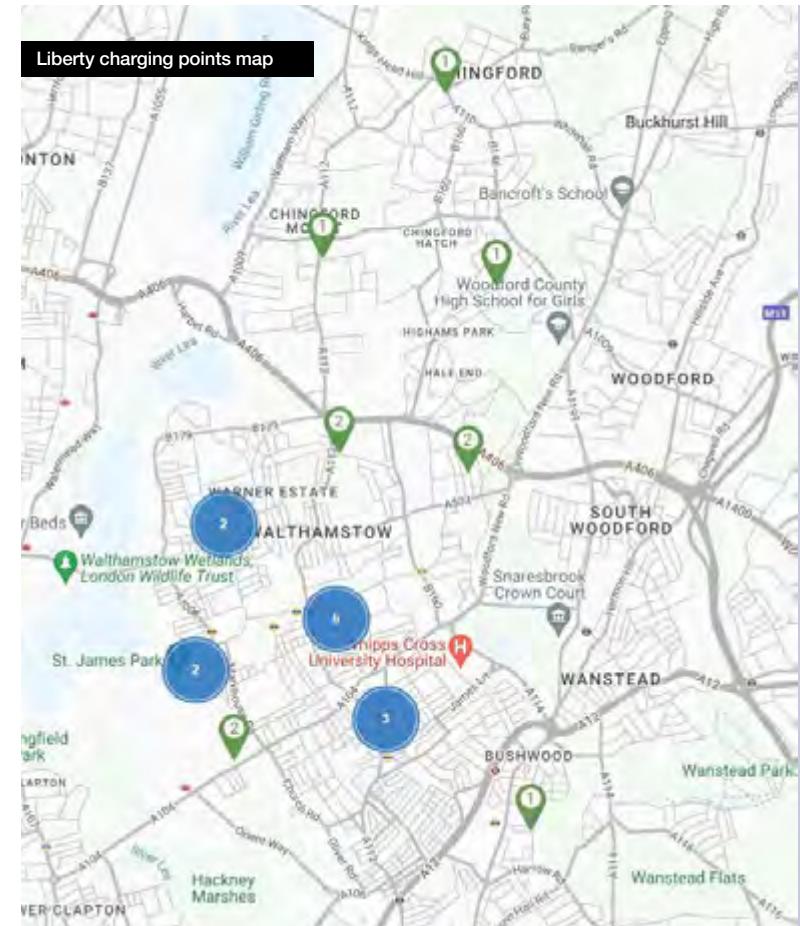
Cllr Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Environment, says addressing carbon emissions

is a crucial factor in tackling climate change at a local level.

"The majority of the UK's carbon emissions come from the transport sector, so we are focused on facilitating more active and sustainable modes of transport as a priority. Our target is to double the number of EVCP socket in the borough this spring."

"We are focused on facilitating more active and sustainable modes of transport as a priority"

Neil Isaacson, Liberty Charge CEO, says it has been a pleasure to support Waltham Forest Council to achieve its clean air goals: "Together with our strategic partner Virgin Media O2, we're supporting local authorities across the country to reach their climate goals, and ultimately lower our carbon emissions. We're ideally positioned to roll out EV infrastructure networks at the scale and the pace required to support the UK



Government's commitment to ban new petrol and diesel car sales by 2030."

The ongoing installation of EV infrastructure is putting the borough's sustainable transport

strategy into action, part of the Council's wider strategy for tackling the climate emergency.

Residents can share their climate change priorities: wfclimatechoices.co.uk

Leading the way in innovative recycling

New street debris and coffee pod programmes

As part of its 2030 net-zero strategy, Waltham Forest has launched two pioneering schemes over the past month to help reduce waste and achieve carbon savings across the borough.

The first, an initial six-month street sweepings trial, will see the vast majority of collected street debris – a weekly average of around 100 tonnes – processed to save recyclable material from landfill or incineration.

Additionally, aluminium and plastic coffee pods – previously a difficult item to dispose of sustainably – can now be recycled alongside residents' weekly kerbside collections, once registered.

A London-first, the scheme was developed by the Council and Podback, a partnership of coffee pod system manufacturers

including Nespresso, NESCAFE Dolce Gusto, and Tassimo.

The initiatives continue Waltham Forest's forward-thinking approach to recycling, especially more challenging items.

Hundreds of mattresses are now being recycled in the borough every month, and the groundbreaking textile, batteries, and small electrical item doorstep collections makes recycling these items easier.

Cllr Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Environment, said: "Here in Waltham Forest, residents can already recycle more items than residents of any other London borough on their doorstep or in their neighbourhood.

"We know that Waltham Forest residents are willing to do their bit in the fight against climate change, and as a council it's

incumbent on us not just to facilitate behaviour change, but to investigate avenues for delivering services and operations in a cleaner, greener and fairer way."

Waltham Forest Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 to highlight urgent need for action to help tackle the climate crisis, including finding new ways to cut carbon emissions relating to waste disposal. In February 2022 it launched a 'Climate Change Means Climate Choices Now.' campaign to encourage residents to make proactive, immediate decisions to live more sustainably.



More info

Visit walthamforest.gov.uk/podback to register for coffee pod recycling

Investing in our green spaces

Improvements in parks, play areas, and allotments across the borough

Even more residents will be able to enjoy Waltham Forest's parks and food growing spaces thanks to a schedule of infrastructure works including allotment projects, play areas and footpath upgrades.

The Council has invested over £400,000 to improve green spaces following feedback highlighting the importance of the borough's natural environment to the mental and physical wellbeing of residents.

Improvement works include two new food growing sites at Davies Lane, Leytonstone (12 raised beds) and Lea Bridge, Leyton (12 raised beds); allotment upgrades at Seymour and Higham Hill Common; and the installation of compost toilets at Mulberry, Hawkwood, and Markhouse sites. The number of plots in Waltham Forest has doubled

since 2019 to 1,670 - a record high for the borough.

Cllr Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Environment, said: "Growing your own food is an increasingly popular way to improve people's health, wealth and wellbeing, as well as reduce the carbon footprint of the food we eat.

"This is just another way we're helping reduce our carbon footprint as individuals and as a borough"

"Waltham Forest in recent years has worked hard to increase the availability of allotment and new food growing plots for the increasing number of residents who want to grow their own food. We have also invested to improve this valuable infrastructure by

improving access, security, rainwater harvesting and renewable energy generation. This is just another way we're helping reduce our carbon footprint as individuals and as a borough."

Last month Waltham Forest Council launched its borough-wide Climate Choices initiative to encourage urgent conversations in households and communities about what we can do to tackle climate change. The campaign – based on research involving 3,000 adults and 1,400 young people from across the borough – encourages residents to weigh up the different ways they can live more sustainably and tell the council what additional support they'd like to receive.

More info

Visit www.wfclimatechoices.co.uk to find out more.



Cllr Clyde Loakes meets keen grower Karen at Seymour Road allotments



Grow your own

Having your own space to grow fruit and vegetables is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint and save money as the cost-of-living continues to increase. Enjoying some peas and quiet in the garden is also a proven benefit to mental health.

Here's our un-beatable top tips for healthy home-grown produce!

Carrots

Harvest the humble carrot almost all year round by sowing small batches regularly from early spring onwards. While its nightvision-giving properties are little more than a myth, there's no reason not to get chomping!

Beetroot

A borscht! A borscht! My kingdom for a borscht! Nutritious, delicious and versatile, beets thrive in wet weather yet otherwise require little attention once planted.

Spinach

Good for your bones, heart, energy and digestion, spinach comes in many varieties. Winter cultivars need a sunny position, while summer varieties require a little shade. Simples!

King of Sequins honoured with blue plaque

Celebrating the life of Lincoln 'Links' Rahamut

On Thursday 17 February friends, family and local dignitaries attended the unveiling of a blue plaque at the family home of Lincoln 'Links' Rahamut, a.k.a. 'The King of Sequins'.

Lincoln was best known as a carnival costume designer for London's Notting Hill Carnival, the largest street festival in Europe, where he created dazzling costumes for over 40 years.

Although he worked at carnivals all over the world, Lincoln continued to support his community in Waltham Forest, helping found the Young People's Caribbean Carnival and teaching carnival art in local schools. He also worked as a probation officer, rehabilitating young people through art, at the Lloyd Park Pavilion.

His daughter Sarah-Jane Rufus said: "Our dad was very serious about his work and the importance of passing on Trinidad's culture to his adopted home country, but he always remembered to have fun and enjoy himself. He was so proud to meet the Queen when she came to see one of his art works at Greenwich Maritime Museum; he always joked afterwards that he would never wash his hand again!"

Lincoln arrived in the UK from Trinidad with his wife Carol in 1970 and settled in Walthamstow. His father was an accomplished tailor and his mother a seamstress, and Lincoln adapted the skills he learned from his family's business to design and create stunning carnival costumes in the UK.

Lincoln started two community-based carnival organisations during his long career in carnivals, and was one of the first people to incorporate wheelchair users into the festivals by adapting wheelchairs into spectacular pieces of art.

"Our dad was very serious about his work and the importance of passing on Trinidad's culture to his adopted home country"

Lincoln passed away on Sunday 31 May 2020, aged 73. Local councillors joined Lincoln's family to unveil the blue plaque at 29 Kenilworth Avenue in Walthamstow. London's blue plaque scheme is run by English Heritage to celebrate notable figures of the past and the buildings where they lived.



Cllr Paul Douglas, Cabinet Member for Culture, said: "Lincoln embodied the very best of Waltham Forest, bringing so much joy to people through his beautiful designs and instilling his love of art to many generations of our young people."

We were very proud to be able to unveil this plaque in his honour at his home of over 40 years."

More info

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“Volunteering gave me a lot of confidence to develop my skills”

Why volunteering is so important – and how you can help

Volunteering plays a vital role in connecting communities in Waltham Forest. It has been at the heart of supporting the community response in helping some of the borough's most vulnerable residents. Equally, volunteers in Waltham Forest have played a crucial role during the borough's success as the Mayor's first-ever London Borough of Culture in 2019.

To date, volunteers have contributed hundreds of hours helping the community in various roles, such as telephone befriending for people facing social isolation, food provision for people experiencing food poverty and vaccinating against Covid-19 throughout the pandemic.

It is evident that in addition to making a difference, volunteering brings wider benefits to volunteers in Waltham Forest, such as developing their skills to secure paid employment and offering a positive impact on overall wellbeing. Sonita, a volunteer for the community hub, said: “I have been volunteering for the last decade, which has enabled me to gain a lot of skills and qualifications.

Volunteering helped me to secure my last role of ten years as a senior youth worker, and it helped to open a new door to

experiences I have never had before.”

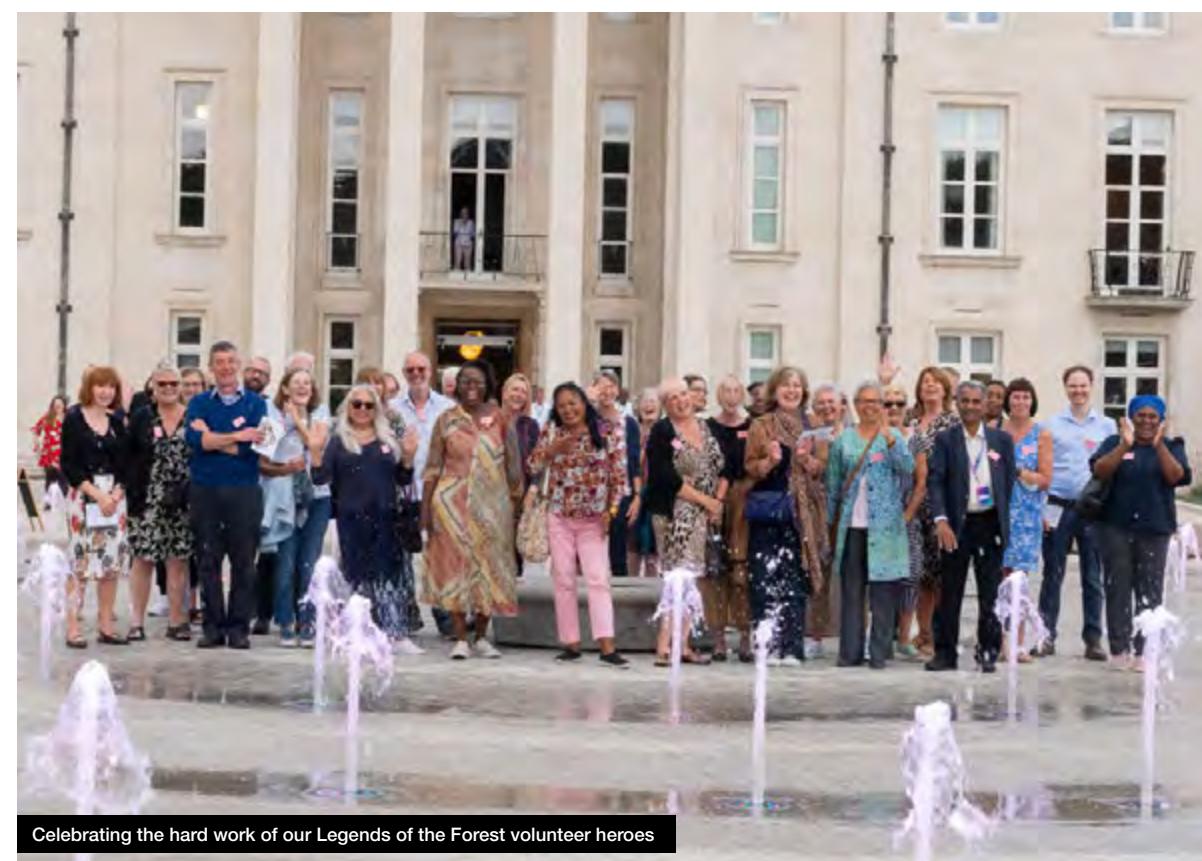
Fellow volunteer Valerie added: “I volunteer for my mental health, and to also put something back into the community.”

To continue the momentum of the community spirit witnessed throughout the pandemic as restrictions lift, the Council has developed its first-ever volunteer strategy in partnership with the volunteer and community sector members.

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Roles are flexible and include one-off projects alongside longer term positions
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The strategy ensures that volunteering has a leading role in creating a more equal and inclusive borough and sets out key priorities to deliver on the shared vision of Waltham Forest as the best place in London to volunteer. Cllr Ahsan Khan, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and the Voluntary Sector, said: “Volunteering is a key form of public service that has a long and proud history in Waltham Forest.

“We are fortunate to have the passion and dedication of so many volunteers who time and again remind us of what is excellent about our borough.



Celebrating the hard work of our Legends of the Forest volunteer heroes

“The launch of our new volunteering strategy sets out the vision for how volunteering in the borough can flourish, and more crucially, it sets out areas of focus with actions that enable residents and local groups to shape the future of their communities through volunteering.”

Legends of the Forest is the Council’s online volunteer

centre, delivered in partnership with Groundwork London which promotes a range of opportunities for anyone in the borough to get involved in volunteering.

Opportunities are linked to many different causes, such as climate and the environment, arts and culture, and community safety.

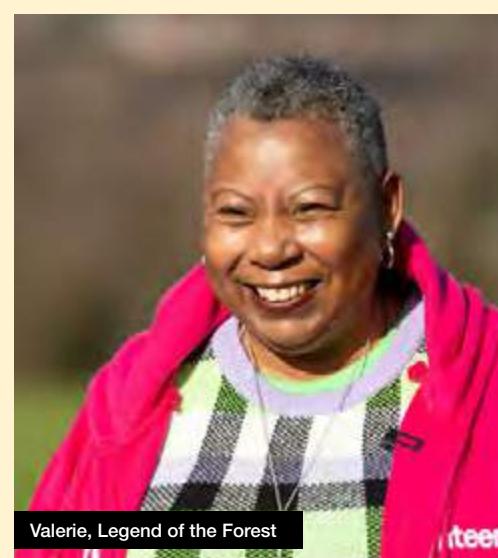
Some of the current vacancies include eco show-home guides,

library assistants and Covid-19 response delivery drivers. Roles are flexible and include one-off projects alongside longer term positions.

Legends of the Forest volunteer, Laurenz, said: “Volunteering gave me a lot of confidence to develop my skills when I wasn’t sure what my next step would be in terms of my career with flexible roles.”



Laurenz, Legend of the Forest



Valerie, Legend of the Forest



Sonita, Legend of the Forest

More info

To find out more about volunteering and sign up, please visit:

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Not on our streets - action against street harassment

New app in place to make reporting street-based harassment easier

The Council and partners are committed to creating a borough where women and girls feel safe.

In a 2021 survey, 89 per cent of local women who responded stated they had experienced street-based sexual harassment in the borough, and 69 per cent had changed their day-to-day behaviour due to harassment. With these harrowing statistics in mind, there's an evident need for change.

Unwanted staring, comments on women's appearances, and suggestive remarks were all raised as common types of harassment in the survey. Respondents were asked what measures they thought would best help in addressing the problem: a reporting app,

penalty fines for perpetrators, and increased police presence were the three most popular responses. The Council has used this feedback to develop the Waltham Forest Safe Streets App in partnership with Stop Hate UK.

Launching this month, the app is an easy way for residents to report incidents of street harassment in the borough. The app gives users the choice to report incidents anonymously for information only, to access specialist support, or to report incidents for formal investigation by the police or council.

The app also provides a direct link to the 24/7 Stop Hate UK helpline.

Police and council officers have already begun increasing patrols in hotspots identified through the survey, and the Council will also continue to partner with Communities Inc to deliver 'Stand By Her' bystander training, designed to empower men to become allies to women and challenge harmful behaviour they see in their environment.

More info

To download the app and find out more about how we are taking action to end Violence Against Women and Girls please visit
walthamforest.gov.uk/wfsafe-streets



A selection of placards made by women who attended the recent Reclaim the Night march



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People power

How the Council is connecting local people with good jobs

When Gemma Rida joined Servicestore at the height of the pandemic in mid-2020, she was placed into a support role working at Covid-19 testing and vaccination sites across Waltham Forest.

After demonstrating to her managers how she handled the intense pressures of the role, she was quickly promoted to become a Team Leader across four testing sites as they navigated the challenges of the pandemic that winter.

"This job has given me a variety of experiences, and opportunities to learn new skills"

Gemma has since worked on record-breaking vaccination drives, led engagement with vulnerable members of the Waltham Forest community, and most recently worked at local hospital Whips Cross, where she managed a team of 12 people.

"It has been a steep learning curve, but this job has given me a variety of experiences, and opportunities to learn new skills and progress in my new career," Gemma says.

Gemma, who lives in Walthamstow, has also loved helping her community through her job. She plans to continue to live in Waltham Forest and is friends with many of her colleagues, many of whom also live nearby.

Gemma's story is typical of Servicestore's employees, with 80 per cent living in the borough. The company, owned by Waltham Forest Council, is committed to investing in Waltham Forest's people.

Servicestore has also worked closely with Steps into Work, one of the Council's services to support local people who are unemployed or have been on furlough during the pandemic. The personalised, one-to-one service has been set up to support Waltham Forest residents to help them gain employment at every step of the journey into work.

Since 2018, Servicestore has successfully appointed more than 108 staff from Steps into Work, with some of the recruits already progressing to leadership positions. Servicestore have also made a concerted effort to take on apprentices – it currently employs four apprentices and is in the process of recruiting four more.

Connecting local people with good jobs is one of the Council's four core priorities, both with local employers and the Council itself.

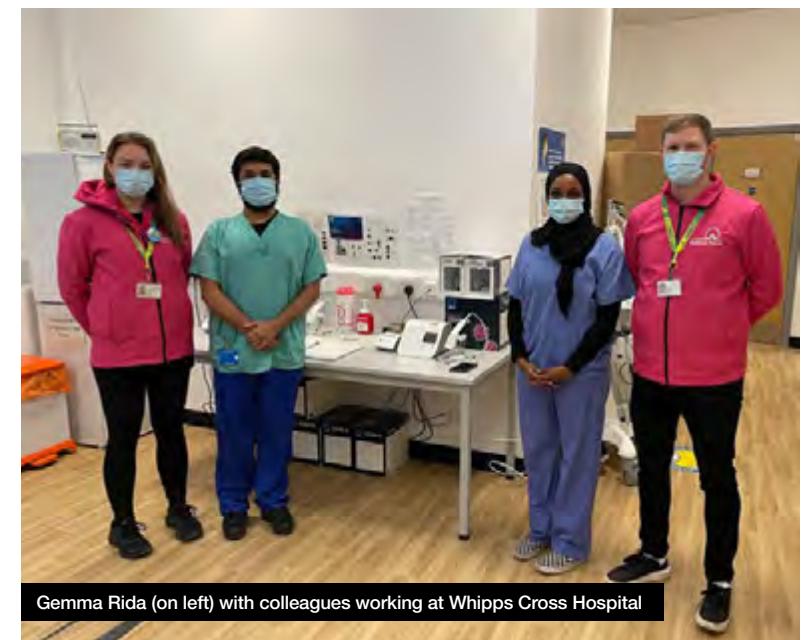
Since April 2021, the Council has helped 145 people into apprenticeships and 130 into Kickstart placements. For every unemployed resident placed into work, £35,000 of social value in economic, environmental and social impact is generated.

More info

Find out more about Servicestore by visiting walthamforestservicestore.co.uk



Community support - the Council's mobile test centre



Gemma Rida (on left) with colleagues working at Whips Cross Hospital

Full speed ahead

Waltham Forest Council is working with providers to make full fibre broadband available to local people in social housing and residential properties.

The services will be supplied by internet providers Community Fibre, Hyperoptic Broadband, and OpenReach, making full fibre broadband services available to over 9,000 social housing homes in Waltham Forest.

As full fibre connection goes all the way to the property, residents can enjoy a boost to their internet speeds and experience. Work to install the full fibre broadband is underway, with over 2,600

"Faster broadband will help us stay connected, allow us to work in new ways and make our lives easier"

properties due to be connected in phase one, and 6,500 in phase two.

Kate, a resident at Clifton House, said: "Fast internet is great for keeping in touch with people, and I love listening to streamed music, especially country and western."

Cllr Louise Mitchell, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness Prevention, said: "The pandemic has sped up the move to remote working, increased digitised services and socialising online, and the

Council has worked to ensure that our residents will have access to some of the fastest broadband available."

In addition to providing full fibre broadband to Waltham Forest, both Community Fibre and Hyperoptic will be supporting local communities. Community Fibre will be providing free internet access to 15 community spaces with additional on-site resources and dedicated support via its Digital Ambassador programme.

Lorraine, also a resident at Clifton House, said: "Faster

Faster internet connection will be available to local people in social housing and residential properties across Waltham Forest

broadband will help us stay connected, allow us to work in new ways and make our lives easier."

More info

Find out about how we're supporting housing residents: bit.ly/HousingWF



Broadband boost: Councillor Liaquat Ali MBE met residents Clifton House in Leytonstone

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Give your child the best protection against MMR

National NHS campaign encourages parents to get children vaccinated

MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) vaccination figures are down across the country and are now lower than the 95 per cent national target.

The figures in Waltham Forest are even lower, with only 82.4 per cent of children under two years old having received their first dose and just 75.1 per cent getting their second dose by the time they are five.

If vaccinations reach the target figure, it's possible to get rid of measles. However, measles, mumps and rubella can quickly spread again if not enough children are vaccinated. Many people may not have had the time or realised the importance of getting their child's MMR jab.

With most of the population focused on Covid-19 vaccinations, testing and self-isolation over the past two years, it's no surprise that other health concerns have slipped down the list of families' priorities.

However, the MMR vaccine is just as much a priority as the

Covid or flu vaccines. Cases of measles are rising year-on-year and catching it can lead to complications such as meningitis, pneumonia, and even death in rare cases.

Mumps can lead to hearing loss. Vaccinations are the safest and most effective way of protecting your child from these highly contagious diseases.

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For many years the MMR vaccine has been incorrectly linked to autism. The growth of social media channels has helped to spread misinformation about the vaccine.

This information is not based on scientific evidence and if followed may put your child at risk. Numerous scientifically backed studies have shown there is no connection between the MMR vaccine and autism



Get protected against measles, mumps, and rubella

and it is safe to take. Just two doses of the vaccine are needed to be fully protected.

Protection against MMR starts to develop around two weeks after having the vaccine. The first dose should be taken at age one and the second at

three years and four months. GP surgery will normally contact parents when their child is due to be vaccinated.

This could be through letter, text, phone call or email. Parents that know their child's vaccination is due but have not

been contacted should get in touch with their GP.

More info

If you have concerns about the MMR vaccine or would like more information, speak to a GP or visit nhs.uk/MMR

Living responsibly with Covid-19

Latest updates on keeping loved ones safe



The vaccine offers the best protection against Covid-19

Covid-19 is still with us and the lifting of restrictions means we will have to learn to live with the virus responsibly.

Staying Covid-safe is important to protect yourself and others as Covid-19 continues to spread and people of all ages are at risk, including from reinfection. Staying at home and getting a test if you have symptoms remains the most effective way to stop spread of the virus.

We also know that measures such as wearing a face covering in crowded indoor spaces and letting fresh air in are still effective at helping to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

By continuing to take these actions you are helping to keep yourself and those around you safe, including those who may be very vulnerable.

Keep testing

Up until Friday 1 April, rapid tests are still available and still free. Testing for Covid-19 will help you find out if you might be the one in three people who has the virus without showing any symptoms.

This is especially important ahead of meeting vulnerable or elderly friends and family, to keep them protected.

If you have symptoms or test positive please stay at home and avoid contact with other people to stop the virus from spreading.

Get vaccinated

The vaccine offers the best protection against Covid-19, greatly improving protection even in those who have already had the disease. Thousands of residents have now been

If you have symptoms or test positive please stay at home and avoid contact with other people

vaccinated but thousands more have yet to come forward for both doses.

Children aged 12 years old or older can now get two doses of the vaccine, and everyone over 18 can get their booster. If you haven't already, book your jab through the NHS national booking system or visit our walk-in vaccine clinics in the borough.

More info

For all Covid-19 updates in Waltham Forest, visit the Council website walthamforest.gov.uk/covid-19

It's time to VOTE

Local Elections 5 May 2022

Local elections are taking place on 5 May 2022.

Since the last election, the Local Government Boundary Commission has reviewed the wards in the borough to account for changes since the last review in 1999.

The number of wards has increased from 20 to 22.

The number of councillors remains the same but some wards will be represented by 2, rather than 3 councillors.

Wards have changed and polling stations may also have changed. Check your poll card delivered at the end of March or our website: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/elections



Register to vote

**Deadline to register to vote:
Midnight, Thursday 14 April 2022**

- You can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Who can register?

People who will be 18 or over on election day and are:

- British or Irish citizens
- Citizens of an EU member state
- Citizens of a Commonwealth member country with leave to remain



Apply to vote by post

**Deadline to apply to vote by post:
5pm, Tuesday 19 April 2022**

Who can apply:

- Anyone can apply to vote by post – you don't need to give a reason
- You can apply online at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/elections
- The earlier you apply, the earlier we can send your postal vote

Apply online at:
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/elections



Public Notices

Notice of Setting of Amount of Council Tax

The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest as the billing authority for the said borough, GIVES NOTICE, that on Thursday 3rd March 2022 and in accordance with section 30 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 it set out an amount of £1,939.94 as the Council Tax for its area which is applicable to dwellings listed in Band D for the chargeable financial year beginning 1 April 2022.

In accordance with section 5 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 the amount of Council Tax payable in respect of dwellings situated in the borough and listed in different valuation bands is calculated as below:

Band	Range of Value	Council Tax
A	Up to £40,000	£1,293.29
B	£ 40,001 - £ 52,000	£1,508.84
C	£ 52,001 - £ 68,000	£1,724.39
D	£ 68,001 - £ 88,000	£1,939.94
E	£ 88,001 - £120,000	£2,371.04
F	£120,001 - £160,000	£2,802.14
G	£160,001 - £320,000	£3,233.23
H	£320,001 and above	£3,879.88

Information about ways to pay Council Tax can be found on the Council's web site www.walthamforest.gov.uk/counciltax

Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1984 SECTION 6

HATCH LANE AND NEW ROAD (A1009) REGION – BUS STOP RELOCATION – WAITING RESTRICTIONS (E4 ROADS) – (T13(21))

The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. 120a) Order 2022

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on **14th March 2022** made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Order will be, in **Hatch Lane (HL) (north-east to south-west arm) – southern side** outside Nos. 39 to 43 HL to extend the existing double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions outside No. 43b HL south-westwards for a distance of 11 metres so that its combined distance from its junction with Blackthorne Drive is 16.5 metres.

3. A copy of the Order, which will come into operation from **14th March 2022** and all other relevant documents can be inspected until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date on request by either emailing **traffic.scheme@walthamforest.gov.uk** or visiting (*by appointment) the Highways and Traffic Management office, Low Hall, Argall Avenue E10 7AS during

normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive; or alternatively documents can be viewed online at: [https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations).

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of either of the Order or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks of the making of the Order, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

*For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000 quoting reference **Traffic T13(21) – Hatch Lane/A1009 New Road calming measures**

Dated 14th March 2022

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

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

PERMANENT MAKING OF EXPERIMENTAL CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ) (T17(22) exp. T14(21))

LENA KENNEDY CLOSE (LK) CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ) (E4)

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

121) Order 2022;

The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. 121) Order 2022

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on **14th March 2022** made the above-mentioned traffic orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

2. The general effect of the orders will be to continue indefinitely the provisions of **The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No. 70) Experimental Order 2021** and **The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. 70) Experimental Order 2021**, which, by way of an experiment-

(a) provided a new CPZ in **Lena Kennedy Close (LKC) E4** comprising 'LK' permit holders parking places operating between the hours of **7.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m. Monday to Sundays**, on all sides between Nos. 20 and Nos. 44 LKC, except where waiting restrictions or disabled person's parking places have been provided;

(b) introduced single yellow line waiting restrictions in **Lena Kennedy Close E4** operating between the hours of **7.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m. Monday to Sundays** between the permit holders parking places referred to in 2. (a) above, on the **east and south-east sides** between No. 44 LKC and a point opposite No. 6 LKC; and

(c) introduced new lengths of double yellow line "at any time" waiting

restrictions in **Lena Kennedy Close E4** on the:

(i) **north-west side** – opposite Nos. 37 to 44 LKC (10 metres),

(ii) **northern and southern sides** at the entrance to the turning circle – outside and opposite No. 8 LKC (7.5 metres on each side)

(iii) **north-east side** of the turning circle – opposite Nos. 12 and 13 LKC (7 metres); and

(iv) **the turning circle**

(d) included:

(i) Nos. 1 to 44 inclusive Lena Kennedy Close E4 in the eligibility list to purchase 'LK' parking permits (see various parking permits in item 2 below) (excluding any car-free property and Centenary house); and

(ii) All properties of Lena Kennedy Close E4 to be eligible for visitor permits (excluding Centenary house).

(e) vehicles displaying any valid permit displaying the letters LK may use any of the permit parking places provided in Lena Kennedy Close E4.

New parking permit eligibility and other criteria, along with variations in pricing for certain parking permits based on vehicle emissions will apply on the anniversary/renewal of any current permit granted for use in the aforementioned CPZ. These conditions become effective from 1st April 2022.

Further details are explained in the 28th January 2022 edition of Waltham Forest News (see traffic order reference T1(22) (See [https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/WFN%20Issue%20243.pdf](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/WFN%20Issue%20243.pdf)). Alternatively further details will be explained when renewing permits, or see [https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/service-categories/parking-permits](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/service-categories/parking-permits) from 1/4/22.

3. The Orders will continue to provide that **residents' permits, business permits, charity permits** (eligible for charities registered with the Charities Commission only), **visitors' permits, school staff term-time only permits, residents' foreign vehicle permits, essential user permits, carers permits and tradespersons' permits**, may be granted, on payment of the appropriate charge (see [https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/service-categories/parking-permits](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/service-categories/parking-permits) from 1/4/22).

4. For parking in the LK CPZ, residents and business permits will continue to be charged on a basis of CO2 emissions (or, for older vehicles, engine size) and number of vehicles registered to a household. Residents' visitor permits will continue to be obtainable as paperless permits or as scratch-cards at a rate of 70p/hour. For more information on the other types of permits available, the eligibility criteria and to determine the permit charge for a vehicle please visit: [https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/service-categories/parking-permits](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/service-categories/parking-permits). Any charges mentioned therein may be subject to change.

5. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation from **1st April 2022** and all other relevant documents can be inspected until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date on request by either emailing **traffic.scheme@walthamforest.gov.uk** or visiting (*by appointment) the Highways and Traffic Management office, Low Hall, Argall Avenue E10 7AS during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive; or alternatively documents can be viewed online at: [https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations).

6. Any person desiring to question the validity of either of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks of the making of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court

*For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000, quoting reference **Traffic Orders: T17(22) Lena Kennedy Close E4 permanent making of experimental cpz measures**.

Dated 14th March 2022

Mr. K. Valavan

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

case by case basis from carers who are not in receipt of a DWP Carers Allowance but who provide care to a resident living in a CPZ in the borough. Medical documents will need to be provided to the Council by the resident receiving care to support such an application. In such a case the carers permit will be charged at the current resident parking permit charge rates.

(v) **school staff** term-time only permit, they are a registered member of staff at a primary or secondary school situated in Lena Kennedy Close, who has a bona fide reason to drive to that school; and

(vi) a **tradespersons** permit, which may be applied for by CPZ residents on the behalf of tradespersons engaged in work at their home address in Lena Kennedy Close E4.

4. For parking in the LK CPZ, residents and business permits will continue to be charged on a basis of CO2 emissions (or, for older vehicles, engine size) and number of vehicles registered to a household. Residents' visitor permits will continue to be obtainable as paperless permits or as scratch-cards at a rate of 70p/hour. For more information on the other types of permits available, the eligibility criteria and to determine the permit charge for a vehicle please visit: [https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/service-categories/parking-permits](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/service-categories/parking-permits). Any charges mentioned therein may be subject to change.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTIONS 6, 35, 45

PROVISION OF HOUSING ESTATE CAR PARK – NORTHWOOD TOWER & HOPSON HOUSE E17 (OFF MARLOWE ROAD AND VALLENTIN ROAD),

AMENDMENT OF RPZ PERMIT

PARKING PLACE TO HOUSING ESTATE

PERMIT HOLDER PARKING PLACE, PROVISION OF DISABLED BADGE

HOLDER PARKING IN WADHAM AVENUE ESTATE CAR PARK AND

PERMIT ELIGIBILITY AND MINOR

CORRECTION TO EXISTING AND

PROPOSED ORDER (T15(22))

The Waltham Forest (Housing

Estate Car Parks) (No. x)

(Amendment No. x) Order 202*

The Waltham Forest (Housing Estates) (On-Street Parking Places and Waiting and Loading Restrictions) (Amendment No. x) Order 202*

The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No. x) Order 202x

The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. x) Order 202x

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest propose to make the above-mentioned Order under section 6, 35, 45, 46 and 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be:

(i) to provide and regulate an off-street parking place (car park) called the '**Northwood Tower and Hopson House housing estate car park**' to operate 'at any time', comprising of **27 permit parking bays** and a permit holder solo motorcycle parking bay operating between **7.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m. on Mondays to Sundays** inclusive (available to resident permit holders, carers permit holders, visitor permit holders, business permit holders, tradespersons permit holders, essential user permit holders and essential user pool permit holders) (the motorcycle parking bay being only for use by solo motorcycles '**at all times**'); and **disabled resident permit holder parking places** (available to a limited number of disabled resident permit holders and carers permit holders, see paragraph 3(ii) below);

(ii) to provide a ban of waiting '**at any time**' by any vehicle throughout the car park other than where the parking bays referred to in sub-paragraph 2.(i) above would be provided;

(iii) to convert a **ML** permit holders parking place in the Marlowe Road restricted parking zone opposite Braithwaite House to a parking place reserved for **H-NT** permit holders only operating **7.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m. on Mondays to Sundays** inclusive; and

(iv) to convert a section of Marlowe Road (its southernmost east to west arm) to on-street housing estate road between Clarkson Crescent and its easternmost extremity and provide a permit parking zone where vehicles would be prohibited from waiting "at any time" except in signed bays;

(v) correction to a residential address in an existing order relating to the Marlowe Road E17 (ML RPZ) on-street restricted parking zone;

(vi) provide addition addresses to be eligible to purchase parking permits for the H-WD - Wadham Avenue off-street housing estate car park namely Nos. 88 to 100.

(vii) and convert a permit parking bay to 1 blue badge disabled person's parking bay operating 'at any time' (available to blue badge holders and carers permit holders) in the easternmost section of the **H-WD**

- Wadham Avenue off-street housing estate car park; The Orders would further provide for the issue of permits for certain use in and other terms and conditions of use for the car park.

3. Permits for the use of the parking bays referred to in paragraph 2 of this Notice would be available as follows:

(i) **Northwood Tower, No. 71 Marlowe Road E17 (all flats) and Hopson House, Nos. 93 and 95 Vallentin Road E17** to be eligible for '**H-NT**' resident permits, carers permits, visitor permits, business permits, tradespersons permits, essential user permits and essential user pool permits (excluding any *car-free property) and '**H-NT**' visitor permits; and

(ii) ***Northwood Tower, No. 71 Marlowe Road E17 and Hopson House, Nos. 93 and 95 Vallentin Road E17** to be eligible for '**DIS-H-NT**' disabled resident parking permits (note: a total of **16** permits will be allocated for use of the **disabled resident permit holder** parking places referred to in paragraph 2(i) of this Notice and will be available to eligible disabled residents within the aforementioned properties, as per existing planning agreements).

**Note: Where an agreement has been made with the tenant or owner of a property situated in Northwood Tower and Hopson House under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, or section 16 of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1974, or both, restricting the parking of any motor vehicle; no permits will be granted, or only a limited number of permits would be granted, or as the case may be, only permits for specific users would be granted to the tenant or owner of that property subject to the planning agreement.*

4. Regarding the parking bays referred to in paragraph 2(i) of this Notice, any vehicle with a valid permit displaying the letters '**H-NT**' may use the 'permit holders only parking bays'; motorcycles with a valid permit displaying the letters '**H-NT**' may use the 'motorcycle permit holders' and 'permit holders only parking bays' and

any vehicle with a valid permit displaying the letters **DIS-H-NT** may use the 'disabled resident permit holder bays'.

5. The above measures are necessary to ensure that parking and waiting facilities are maintained for the use of eligible residents of the estates, their visitors, disabled persons and other permit holders agreed by the Council. These measures will also prevent parking and waiting where it could cause an obstruction, particularly to emergency services and refuse collection vehicles.

6. The charges for permits would be as follows:

Engine size less than 1550cc registered before 1st March 2001	Engine size more than 1550cc registered before 1st March 2001	CO2 emissions less than 100 g/km registered after 1st March 2001	CO2 emissions between 101 and 170 g/km registered after 1st March 2001	CO2 emissions more than 170 g/km registered after 1st March 2001
Residents' Motorcycle permit - 12 months	£55	£145	£35	£55
Residents' permit - 12 months	£55	£165	£40	£55
Residents' permit (second vehicle) - 12 months	£140	£350	£65	£140
Residents' permit (third and subsequent vehicles) - 12 months	£260	£500	£120	£260
Business Motorcycle permit - 12 months	£105	£155	£65	£105
Business permit - 12 months	£500	£750	£260	£500
Business permit (second vehicle) - 12 months	£750	£1,000	£400	£750
Business permit (third and subsequent vehicles) - 12 months	£1,000	£1,500	£500	£1,000
Essential User Permits - 12 months	£425	£600	£190	£425
				£600

Other permits

Tradespersons Permits: (1 week): £45; (1 month): £150; Essential Users Permits (1 month): £75, Essential Users Pool Permit (12 months): £510; Residents' visitor permits: £0.70 per hour (60 hours per year free to over 60s, 30 hours free for each new born child); [Note: The purchase of 8 hours-worth of visitor permits would permit a vehicle to park for an entire day. Households would be limited to 520 hours-worth of visitor permits during a rolling 12-month period]. Resident permits for the disabled (available to residents who are disabled persons' blue badge holders): £0.00 (free); Carers permits: £0.00 (free) if in

receipt of Department of Work and Pensions Allowance or a registered foster carer, else the same as for a residents permit as detailed in the table above; Service charges for change of VRM or change of address: £15, for refunds: £20; and lost or stolen permits: £15.

The permit fees in item 6 preceding are subject to a charge increase from 1st April 2022. Further details are explained in the 28th January 2022 edition of Waltham Forest News (see traffic notice reference T1(22)) (See <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/WFN%20Issue%2020243.pdf>).

[content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations](#).

8. Any person desiring to object to the proposals or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to; Traffic Orders, Highways, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London E10 7AS, or by emailing traffic.scheme@walthamforest.gov.uk, quoting scheme reference **T15(22) – Northwood Tower and Hopson House E17**

Housing Estate Car Park by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

*For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000, quoting reference Traffic Orders and ref **T15(22) – Northwood Tower and Hopson House E17 Housing Estate Car Park**

Dated **14th March 2022**

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

INTRODUCTION OF PERMIT PARKING AND WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS IN CERTAIN HOUSING ESTATE ROADS, NAMELY ESSEX CLOSE E17 AND ALMOND CLOSE E17 (T46(21))

The Waltham Forest (Housing Estates) (On-Street Parking Places and Waiting and Loading Restrictions) Order 2022

The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No. 119) Order 2022

The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. 119) Order 2022

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on **14th March 2022** made the above-mentioned Orders under section 6, 45, 46 and 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be, in **Essex Close E17 and Almond Close E17**:

(i) to provide and regulate on-street **permit holder parking places and a permit holder solo motorcycle parking place** (available only to resident permit holders, carers permit holders, visitor permit holders, business permit holders, tradespersons permit holders, essential user permit holders and essential user pool permit holders **between 8am and 6.30pm on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive**, the motorcycle parking place being only for use by solo motorcycles '**at any time**'); **blue badge disabled person's parking places** operating '**at any time**' (available to blue badge holders

and carers permit holders) and **disabled resident permit holder parking places** (available to a limited number of disabled resident permit holders and carers permit holders, see paragraph 3(ii) below); and
 (ii) to provide '**at any time**' **waiting restrictions** in all on-street lengths, other than where the parking places referred to in sub-paragraph (i) above would be provided.

The Orders would further provide for the issue of permits for certain use in and other terms and conditions of use for the above Council estate roads as well as in the Blackhorse Lane controlled parking zone (CPZ) - (see below for more details).

3. Permits for the use of the parking places referred to in paragraph 2 of this Notice would be available as follows:
 (i) Nos. 1 to 30 (inclusive) (not including No. 30A) and Nos. 31 to 97 (odd numbers only) Essex Close E17 6SJ; Nos. 34 to 80 (evens only) Forest Road E17 6JR, to be eligible for '**H-EC**' resident permits, carers permits, visitor permits, business permits, tradespersons permits, essential user permits and essential user pool permits (excluding any car-free property) and '**H-EC**' visitor permits;

(ii) Nos. 1 and 2 Stotter House, 30A Essex Close E17 6SJ to be eligible for '**DIS-H-BK**' disabled resident parking permits (note: a total of two permits will be allocated for use of the **disabled resident permit holder parking places** referred to in paragraph 2 of this Notice and will be available to eligible disabled residents within the aforementioned properties, as per existing planning agreements).

4. Regarding the parking places referred to in paragraph 2(i) of this Notice, any vehicle with a valid permit displaying the letters '**H-EC**' may use the 'permit holders only parking bays'; motorcycles with a valid permit displaying the letters '**H-EC**' may use the 'motorcycle permit holders' and 'permit holders only parking bays'; and any vehicle with a valid permit displaying the letters **DIS-H-BK** may use the 'disabled resident permit holder bays'. Any vehicles displaying a valid Blue Badge may park within the 'disabled badge holder' bays.

5. Nos. 1 to 8 Stotter House, 30A Essex Close E17 6SJ; and 51 Tile Kiln House, Pretoria Avenue E17 6SN would be eligible for visitor permits to be used in the '**Blackhorse Lane**' (**BL CPZ**) controlled parking zone;

6. The above measures are necessary to ensure that parking and waiting facilities are maintained for the use of eligible residents of the estates, their visitors, disabled persons and other permit holders agreed by the Council. These measures will also prevent parking and waiting where it could cause an obstruction, particularly to emergency services and refuse collection vehicles.

7. The charges for permits would be as follows:

	Engine size less than 1550cc registered before 1st March 2001	Engine size more than 1550cc registered before 1st March 2001	CO2 emissions less than 100 g/km registered after 1st March 2001	CO2 emissions between 101 and 170 g/km registered after 1st March 2001	CO2 emissions more than 170 g/km registered after 1st March 2001
Residents' Motorcycle permit - 12 months	£55	£145	£35	£55	£145
Residents' permit - 12 months	£55	£165	£40	£55	£165
Residents' permit (second vehicle) - 12 months	£140	£350	£65	£140	£350
Residents' permit (third and subsequent vehicles) - 12 months	£260	£500	£120	£260	£500
Business Motorcycle permit - 12 months)	£105	£155	£65	£105	£155
Business permit - 12 months)	£500	£750	£260	£500	£750
Business permit (second vehicle) - 12 months	£750	£1,000	£400	£750	£1,100
Business permit (third and subsequent vehicles) - 12 months	£1,000	£1,500	£500	£1,000	£1,500
Essential User Permits - 12 months	£425	£600	£190	£425	£600

Other permits

Tradespersons Permits: (1 week): £45; (1 month): £150; Essential Users Permits (1 month): £75, Essential Users Pool Permit (12 months): £510; Residents' visitor permits: £0.70 per hour (60 hours per year free to over 60s, 30 hours free for each new born child); [Note: The purchase of 8 hours-worth of visitor permits would permit a vehicle to park for an entire day. Households would be limited to 520 hours-worth of visitor permits during a rolling 12-month period]. Resident permits for the disabled (available to residents who are disabled persons' blue badge holders): £0.00 (free); Carers permits: £0.00 (free) if in receipt of Department of Work and Pensions Allowance or a registered foster carer, else the same as for a residents permit as detailed in the table above; Service charges for change of VRM or change of address: £15, for refunds: £20; and lost or stolen permits: £15.

The permit fees in item 7 preceding are subject to a charge increase from 1st April 2022. Further details are explained in the 28th January 2022 edition of Waltham Forest News (see traffic notice reference T1(22)) (See <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/WFN%20Issue%20243.pdf>).

8. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation from **14th March**

2022 and all other relevant documents can be inspected until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date on request by either emailing **traffic.scheme@walthamforest.gov.uk** or visiting (*by appointment) the Highways and Traffic Management office, Low Hall, Argall Avenue E10 7AS during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive; or alternatively documents can be viewed online at: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations>.

9. Any person desiring to question the validity of either of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks of the making of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

*For more information, please telephone 020 8496 3000, quoting reference Traffic Orders

T46(21) – Essex Road E17 Council estate permit parking zone

Dated **14th March 2022**

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

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

CHANGES TO EXISTING PARKING PLACES AND PROVISION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF SECURE BICYCLE PARKING STRUCTURES – BATCH 12 (T51b(21))

The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No. 120) Order 2022

The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. 120) Order 2022

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on **14th March 2022** made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be to convert 3 metres of permit parking space to allow for the provision of secure bicycle parking structures ("units") on the highway in the following roads under section 63 of the Road Traffic Act 1984. The parking spaces to be displaced will default to "at any time" waiting restrictions where the cycle hangar will be provided. 1 unit is proposed in each road below unless otherwise stated:

(E10 streets)

a. **Abbotts Park Road** (ABP) outside No. 32 ABP (extending from the boundary of Nos 34 and 32)

b. **Brewster Road** outside Nos. 1 to 8 Grosvenor Court (adjacent to the current hangar extending towards Nos 9 to 17)

c. **Brunswick Road** (BR) outside No. 82 BR (extending from the boundary of Nos 80 and 82)

d. **Buckland Road** (BU) outside No. 45 BU (extending from the boundary of Nos 43 and 45)

e. **Farmer Road** (FM) outside No. 79 FM (extending from the boundary of Nos 77 and 79)

f. **Lawton Road** (LW) outside No. 3 LW (extending from the boundary of Nos 5 and 3)

g. **Morieux Road** (MO) outside No. 9 MO (extending from the boundary of Nos 11 and 9)

h. **Murchison Road** (MU) (x 2 hangars) - (1) outside No. 249 MU (extending from the boundary of Nos 245 and 247 and (2) outside No. 205 MU (adjacent to side path at boundary of Nos 203 and 207)

i. **Scotts Road** (SC) outside No. 85 SC (adjacent to current hangar extending from the boundary of Nos 89 and 85)

j. **Seymour Road** (x 2 hangars) - outside No. 65 Viking Place (extending from double yellow line)

k. **Thornhill Road** (TR) outside No. 26 TR (extending from the boundary of Nos 24 and 26)

l. **Whitney Road** (WH) outside No. 21 WH (extending from double yellow line)

(E11 streets)

m. **Cheneys Road** (CH) (x 2 hangars) - outside No. 36 CH (extending from the boundary of Nos 34 and 36) and No. 80 CH

n. **Chichester Road** (CHC) outside No. 59 CHC (extending from the boundary of Nos 60 and 59)

o. **Colworth Road** (CO) outside No. 119 CO (extending from the pathway between Nos 119 and 117)

p. **Malvern Road** (ML) outside No. 11 ML (extending from the double yellow line) and outside No. 83 ML (extending from the boundary of Nos 81 and 83)

q. **Mayville Road** (MY) outside No. 93 MY (extending from the boundary of Nos 89 and 93)

r. **Montague Road** (MN) outside No. 143 MN (extending from the boundary of Nos 141 and 143)

s. **Mornington Road** (MRN) outside No. 27 MRN (extending from the boundary of Nos 29 and 27)

(E17 streets)

t. **Ardleigh Road** outside No. 34 Ardleigh Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 36 and 34)

u. **Barclay Road** outside No. 9 Barclay Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 7 and 9)

v. **Borwick Avenue** outside No. 38 Borwick avenue (extending from the boundary of Nos 40 and 38)

w. **Bramley Close** outside No. 175 Bramley Close (extending from the boundary of Nos 173 and 175)

x. **Brettenham Road** (BRT) (x2 hangars) – (1) outside 36 BRT (extending from the boundary of Nos 32 and 36) and (2) outside No. 137 BRT (extending from the boundary of Nos 135 and 137)

y. **Callis Road** outside No. 2 Callis Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 4 and 2)

z. **Campbell Road** outside No. 29 Campbell Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 31 and 29)

aa. **Carlton Road** outside 106 Carlton Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 104 and 106)

bb. **Carr Road** (CA) (x2 hangars) – (1) outside 28 CA (extending from the boundary of Nos. 24 and 28) and (2) outside No. 121 CA (extending from the boundary of Nos 119 and 121)

cc. **Cassiobury Road** outside No. 20 Cassiobury Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 22 and 20)

dd. **Cornwallis Road** outside No. 41 Cornwallis Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 39 and 41)

ee. **Elmfield Road** opposite No. 35 Elmfield Road (extending from the boundary of the yellow line)

ff. **Hamilton Road** outside No. 10 Hamilton Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 8 and 10)

gg. **Hazelwood Road** outside No. 62 Hazelwood Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 60 and 62)

hh. **Lancaster Road** outside No. 49 Lancaster Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 47 and 51)

boundary of Nos 47 and 49)
ii. **Roberts Road** opposite No. 25
Roberts Road (extending from boundary of keep clear lines)
jj. **Seaford Road** outside the school (beside yellow line on corner of Seaford Road and Hurst Road)
kk. **Second Avenue** outside No. 34
Second Avenue (extending from the boundary of Nos 36 and 34)
ll. **St Johns Road** outside No. 98 St Johns Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 96 and 98)
mm. **Vallentin Road** opposite No. 54
Vallentin Road (extending west from boundary with the access path)
nn. **Waverley Road** outside No. 43
Waverley Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 45 and 43)
oo. **Winns Terrace** outside No. 56
Winns Terrace (extending from the boundary of Nos 55 and 56)
(E4 street)
pp. **Beaufort Close** in front of flat Nos. 27-30
qq. **Thurlow Close** in front of flat Nos. 27-30
(no cpz parking displacement)
(E7 street)
rr. - **Vansittart Road** outside No. 23
Vansittart Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 25 and 23)
3. The proposals for cycle hangars in **Kings Road** (KG) outside No. 13 KG (directly in front of No. 13) and **Woodbury Road** outside No. 28
Woodbury Road (extending from the boundary of Nos 26 and 28) have been deferred and at a future time will either be made, amended, or abandoned.
4. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation from **14th March 2022** and all other relevant documents can be inspected until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date on request by either emailing **traffic.scheme@walthamforest.gov.uk** or visiting (*by appointment) the Highways and Traffic Management office, Low Hall, Argall Avenue E10 7AS during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive; or alternatively documents can be viewed online at: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations>.
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*For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000, quoting reference Traffic Orders and ref **T51b(21) - Cycle Hangars 2021 (Batch 12)**. Dated **14th March 2022**
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 (WALLWOOD ROAD/QUEENS ROAD E11) (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (NO. 1) ORDER 2022 (TT5(22))

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest (the Council) **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that it intends on making an Order to allow repair works to be made to a damaged sewer in Wallwood Road E11, by Thames Water, 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 restrict vehicles (except works vehicles) from waiting or loading for any purpose, at any time, in:
 - VALLEY WARD**
Hall Lane E4 (between Walthamstow Avenue and Hollywood Road)
 - Lower hall Lane E4** (estimated from 08 Apr 22)
 - HALE END AND HIGHLANDS PARK WARD**
The Hale E4
Hale End Road E4 (between Studley Avenue and Hollywood Way) (estimated from 12 Apr 22)
 - LARKSWOOD WARD**
Alpha Road E4 (between its junction of Old Church Road and No. 23 Alpha Road)
 - Mount Avenue E4** (between its junction of Old Church Road and No. 13 Mount Avenue)
 - Salisbury Road E4** (between its junction of Old Church Road and No. 24 Salisbury Road)
 - Templeton Avenue E4** (between its junction of Old Church Road and 21 Templeton Avenue) (estimated from 11 Apr 22)
 - CHINGFORD GREEN WARD**
Sewardstone Road E4 (estimated from 04 Apr 22)
 - ENDLEBURY WARD**
Chingford Avenue E4 (between Retingham Way and No. 34 Chingford Avenue)
 - Eatons Mead E4**
Valley Side E4
Waltham Way E4 (between Brindwood Road and Sewardstone Road) (estimated between 05 – 07 Apr 22)
 3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, advance warning signage and alternative routes for traffic shall be in place.
 4. Designated controlled parking space situated in Wallwood Road affected by the measures set out in paragraph 2 above will be suspended.
 5. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.
 6. 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 (if the works allow).
 9. The Order would come into operation on **24th March 2022** and would be valid for a maximum period of 3 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
- NOTE: Signage will be placed in advance of any works in Wallwood Road and Queens Road which would give more specific details on the exact dates of the restrictions and effects of any temporary traffic management as necessary.*
- Dated **14th March 2022**
- 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) (GULLY CLEANING PROGRAMME) (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (NO. 1) ORDER 2022 (TT7(22))

1. The Council of the London Borough

of Waltham Forest **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that it intends on making an Order to enable highway gulley/drainage maintenance 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 restrict vehicles (except works vehicles) from waiting or loading for any purpose, at any time, in:

VALLEY WARD

Hall Lane E4 (between Walthamstow Avenue and Hollywood Road)

Lower hall Lane E4

(estimated from 08 Apr 22)

HALE END AND HIGHLANDS PARK WARD

The Hale E4

Hale End Road E4 (between Studley Avenue and Hollywood Way)

(estimated from 12 Apr 22)

LARKSWOOD WARD

Alpha Road E4 (between its junction of Old Church Road and No. 23 Alpha Road)

Mount Avenue E4 (between its junction of Old Church Road and No. 13 Mount Avenue)

Salisbury Road E4 (between its junction of Old Church Road and No. 24 Salisbury Road)

Templeton Avenue E4 (between its junction of Old Church Road and 21 Templeton Avenue)

(estimated from 11 Apr 22)

CHINGFORD GREEN WARD

Sewardstone Road E4

(estimated from 04 Apr 22)

ENDLEBURY WARD

Chingford Avenue E4 (between Retingham Way and No. 34 Chingford Avenue)

Eatons Mead E4

Valley Side E4

Waltham Way E4 (between Brindwood Road and Sewardstone Road)

(estimated between 05 – 07 Apr 22)

HATCH LANE WARD

Henry's Avenue IG8

Montalt Road IG8

Waterhall Avenue E4

Gordon Avenue IG8

Falmouth Avenue IG8 (between Gordon Avenue and The Charter Road)

(estimated from 11 Apr 22)

3. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to 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. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

5. 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.

6. The Order would come into

operation on **4th April 2022** and would be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

NOTE: These works would not be carried out simultaneously in all roads but in a sequence as directed by the Council. 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 (the above dates are not absolute but are estimated) and effects of any temporary traffic management.

Dated **24th March 2022**

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

3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, advance warning signage and alternative routes for traffic shall be in place.

4. Whilst works are being carried out and only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, any one-way working or no-entry prohibition in any road adjoining Vicarage Road E10, or in any roads adjoining those said adjoining roads will be suspended.

5. Designated controlled parking space situated in Vicarage Road affected by the measures set out in paragraph 2 above will be suspended.

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 (if the works allow).

9. The Order will come into operation on **14th March 2022** and would be valid for a maximum period of 6 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

NOTE: Signage will be placed in advance of any works in Vicarage Road which would give more specific details on the exact dates of the prohibition and effects of any temporary traffic management as necessary.

Dated **14th March 2022**

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



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