



**WALTHAM FOREST LOCAL PLAN
WALTHAMSTOW TOWN CENTRE AREA ACTION PLAN**

Hearing Statement

**Inspector's Matters and Issues – Matter 5 –
Implementation and Monitoring**

Hearing Session – 17th December 2013

10. Have the necessary funding sources, agencies and other bodies been identified to ensure the successful implementation of the AAP?

Relevant Representations

10.1 No relevant representations

Council Response

10.2 Waltham Forest has a proven track record for securing funding and working with other 'agencies' and bodies in order to deliver key projects in the borough and Walthamstow Town Centre. We secured over £2.8m Outer London Funding in rounds 1 and 2 and are in the process of delivering over 30 shop front improvements, art interventions, lighting, business support, new playgrounds and creative spaces. The Council is currently rolling out its public realm improvements (piloted in Leyton and Walthamstow High Street) to nine areas of the borough, thereby committing £9m of council funding to the boroughs High Streets. £1m of this investment is along Hoe Street from the Bell junction to the Goose Junction.

10.3 In addition to the investment already secured and delivered the Council has also secured over £3.5m TfL funding for public realm and junction improvements to Hoe Street/ High Street. A further £4.8m council funding is being invested in the area to improve the top of the High Street and the town square and gardens. All these projects are in the process of being developed with delivery in 2014 to tie in with the development on the former Arcade site.

10.4 In addition we work closely with developers in order to maximise the 'public' benefit of all proposed development and where appropriate secure contributions to a range of matters includes education, health, highways and public realm improvements. For example the Council secure £1.4 Million S106 contribution from the recently approves South Grove planning application.

10.5 The Council have been shortlisted from 19 boroughs to the final 8 in the GLAs Mini-Holland bidding process. We will know the results in January 2014.

10.6 Further £2m has been sought from the Heritage Lottery to improve the shop fronts and public realm at the bottom of the High Street around the St James St conservation area. We will find out if we have been successful with this application in January 2014

10.7 Therefore not only does the Council have a proven track record of securing external investment and of contributing its own investment when required but we can deliver high quality schemes effectively and efficiently. The Council will continue to seek funding opportunities and to secure the maximum benefits from developers to improve the infrastructure of the town centre for the benefit of all users.

11. Are appropriate arrangements in place to enable effective monitoring of the AAP?

Relevant Representation

11.1 No relevant representations

Council Response

11.2 It is the Council's view that there are appropriate arrangements in place to effectively monitor the AAP. Section 36 within the AAP sets out the Council's approach to monitoring and confirms that each year, an annual monitoring report is published and provides information on the extent to which policies in local development documents are being implemented. The table after paragraph 36.9 clearly set out how each objective of the AAP (and relevant policy) will be measured (i.e. indicator) and the criteria against which the effectiveness of the AAP will be measured (i.e. aims/targets). These monitoring methods are considered adequate and will enable early action to be taken to overcome any barriers to delivery of the Plan's objectives and/or proposals and policies. As set out in the AAP (figure 36.1), the AMR will identify potential measures that need to be taken to rectify any issues raised through monitoring.