Shaping the Borough: South Waltham Forest

Your chance to shape our borough

“There’s a lot of work taking place across the borough to make sure we have the homes, work places, transport network, schools, health and leisure facilities that our residents will need in the future.

“To help us make sure development happens in a coordinated way we have prepared a Draft Local Plan which will cover the period from 2020 to 2035.

“It sets out how the borough can achieve an appropriate balance between physical, social, economic development and environmental protection through growth and sustainable development.

“This Plan will shape developments and guide decisions on the location, amount and types of development the borough requires to meet local needs and accommodate good growth.

“When finally adopted, it will replace a number of other planning documents, so all our policies are in one place.

“We now want your views on the ideas we have brought together. The Draft Local Plan recognises the different needs of different parts of the borough and has three sections covering the north, central and south.

“Until Monday 30 September we are asking you to share your views with us. You can do that online, at walthamforest.gov.uk/LocalPlan, or pop in to one of our meetings where council officers will be available to explain the details and answer any questions.

“Your views are very important to us as it is only by working together that we can make the borough a place where we, and future generations, want to live and work.”

Councillor Simon Miller, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Housing Delivery.

The South Area covers the following wards:

- Cann Hall
- Cathall
- Forest
- Grove Green
- Hoe Street (part)
- Lea Bridge
- Leyton
- Leytonstone
- Markhouse (part)

Throughout the Draft Local Plan, regeneration of sites will be delivered through further guidance, including Supplementary Planning Documents, Masterplans, development briefings and public realm guidance.

This Plan does not include detailed policies for individual sites. Individual sites can be found on the Brownfield Land Register which is published at walthamforest.gov.uk/LocalPlan

Residents will be able to make their views known on each planning application received.

Meetings

- Sunday 4 August, 2 to 9pm, Waltham Forest Mela, Leyton Jubilee Park, Seymour Road, Leyton, E10 7BL
- Monday 12 August, 4 to 8.30pm, The Score Centre, 100 Oliver Road, Leyton, E10 5JY
- Saturday 21 September, 10am to 5pm, Leytonstone Library, Church Lane, Leytonstone, E11 1HG
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**Bakers Arms**

Bakers Arms is a crossroads between Walthamstow Town Centre, Leyton, Cross and Lea Bridge. The public areas should be improved for those walking and cycling.

The Bakers Arms area will be supported to improve the building of new quality housing.

**Lea Bridge**

There is an opportunity to create a safe, sustainable neighbourhood centered around the reopened Lea Bridge Station.

New and existing homes will see new mixed-use development.

**Leytonstone**

Leytonstone is the borough’s second largest town centre and a vibrant mixed-use development at the heart of the Queen Elizabeth Park.

The public realm should be improved for those walking and cycling.

**South Leytonstone**

South Leytonstone is between Leytonstone Town Centre and Leyton. It is well placed between several underground and overground stations with strong links to central London, which will support the protection of historical assets as attractive features for local residents and visitors.

The South Leytonstone Area Investment Plan supports mixed-use development at Avenue Road Estate, Cathall Road and Southall Road.

As leisure, community and social cultural area, South Leytonstone contains a strong presence in the area.

**Whipps Cross**

Whipps Cross and the borough’s only hospital and its surroundings offer an opportunity to also build new homes for health and social care, cultural and green assets.

The public areas should be improved for those walking and cycling.

**The Draft Local Plan**

- Supports the creation of a major hospital and health and social care employment centres in the north of the borough.
- Encourages new homes, including mixed-use development, within Whipps Cross Hospital and its surroundings.
- Encourages the creation of new homes, including mixed-use development, in the borough.
- Supports the delivery of new quality homes.
- Encourages mixed-use development in new homes.
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**The Borough Strategic Framework**

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Some recently completed projects in your area

Advance: Technical Engineering and Construction Centre

When the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) announced it was closing its training centre in South Leytonstone, the Council stepped in to keep it open and expand the number of courses available. Working with Centre Managers Dudley College, in partnership with Simian Risk, the centre now offers opportunities for residents of all ages to gain new skills and qualifications, to help them find work in London’s growing construction sector.

Feel Good Too

The Feel Good Too centre, which opened in October 2018. It provides first-class facilities for residents, schools and local sports clubs to use including two floodlit all-weather sports pitches, a 60-metre running track, a fitness trail, four beach volleyball courts, The Discovery Café, changing facilities. Flexible space for community use and an office, 40 growing beds and appropriate landscaping.

Lea Bridge Station

Lea Bridge Station reopened in May 2017 after being closed for 31 years. More than £11 million was spent replacing the station, which is forecast eventually to serve 352,000 passengers a year. There are two platforms, a footbridge and lifts, station canopy, ticket vending machines, Oyster readers, waiting shelters and help points.

The new Lea Bridge Station has opened up sites in the area to provide much needed housing for local people with the first homes now being available.

Leyton gets country’s first Urban Cricket Hub

In June Waltham Forest Council and the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) celebrated the opening of Leyton Cricket Hub. The £1.7m sports facility was created in conjunction with Essex County Cricket Club and will allow Waltham Forest to build on an already rich cricketing heritage in the borough.

The new facilities include indoor nets, upgraded changing facilities and improved outdoor facilities.

Subsequent phases will see the creation of a real food hub, to feature a food hall, café, demonstration kitchen, food market and community space.

Why are we producing this Plan?

Each Council produces a Local Plan against which any developments are judged.

The Local Plan has to take account of policies and targets set by central Government.

We also have to show our Local Plan meets the targets set by the Mayor of London and works alongside the London Plan.

Details of those targets can be found in the full plan online.

What will the Local Plan replace?

The new Local Plan will replace:

- Core Strategy (2012)
- Walthamstow Town Centre Area Action Plan (2015)
- Blackhorse Lane Area Action Plan (2015)

What happens when?

- Monday 30 September 2019 Consultation on Draft Local Plan ends
- Autumn/Winter 2019 Consideration of the outcome of the Draft Plan Local Plan consultation and preparation of the ‘Proposed Submission’ Plan
- Spring 2020 Public consultation on ‘Proposed Submission’ Plan
- Summer/Autumn 2020 Independent examination period (conducted by independent Planning Inspector)
- Spring/Summer 2021 Local Plan is adopted and comes into force (subject to receipt of the Inspector’s Report by Winter 2020/21)

See the full plan and comment online: walthamforest.gov.uk/LocalPlan