



DESIGN CHARTER

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PRINCIPLES FOR
WELL-DESIGNED
HOMES



SHAPING
A BOROUGH FOR EVERYBODY.



Waltham Forest



As Design Champion for Waltham Forest, I have great pleasure, on behalf of myself and the Portfolio Lead Member for Housing, Cllr Khevyn Limbajee, in introducing the borough's Design Quality Charter. The Charter is fully supported by our partners in the development and house-building industry and has also had the involvement of the Design Council/CABE, the Government's advisor on good design.

The Council is committed to maintaining and raising the standard of design. Good design is fundamental to making good homes and better places and improving the quality of people's lives.

The Council is embarking on one of the biggest home building programmes in London, with an ambition to build 12,000 new homes across the borough over the next few years. We also face important challenges in achieving our key regeneration objectives and meeting pressures for intensification, whilst at the same time improving the quality of new development without losing the essential character of our borough.

The overriding aim of this Charter is therefore to set out our commitment to achieving good design in all new housing development. I want to see homes which are attractive, sustainable, inclusive, well connected and inspiring and which continue to raise our expectations for high quality urban and architectural design now and in the future.

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Cabinet Lead Portfolio Member –
Economic Growth and High Streets
Waltham Forest Design Champion



{ **Hammond Court - East Thames/Mae** }



{ **Claude Terrace - London & Quadrant/PRP** }



{ **Hawker Place - Barratt Homes/M F Jewell** }



{ **Highams Green - Spenhill/Collado Collins** }

1 HIGH QUALITY BUILDINGS

Encourage distinctive and innovative architecture using quality materials built to high standards.

2 RESPONDING TO CONTEXT

Ensure developments integrate with their surroundings and local heritage, and link with adjacent streets and paths to create direct and convenient routes to local services such as shops, schools and public transport.

3 A MIX OF HOMES

Work with developers and partners to provide a mix of housing types and sizes that are accessible for all and meet the needs of residents both now and in the future.

4 GOOD QUALITY INTERNAL LAYOUTS

Ensure new homes have high quality spacious and adaptable rooms and living areas which meet current planning policy standards.

5 SAFE AND OVERLOOKED STREETS

Promote housing layouts that have windows and doors facing on to streets and public areas so they are overlooked and feel safe.

6 QUALITY GARDENS AND PRIVATE SPACES

Ensure private and shared gardens are well-designed, safe and usable with good quality landscaping and planting.

7 ENERGY EFFICIENT

Meet the challenges of climate change by promoting better energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources in new developments.

8 WELL DESIGNED PARKING

Design for car, cycle parking and servicing at an early stage so it is convenient, safe and attractive and not left as an afterthought.

9 PEOPLE-FRIENDLY STREETS

Ensure high standards in the design and quality of streets and other public areas to encourage their use as social places, where pedestrians and cyclists come first.

10 WELL MAINTAINED AND MANAGED

Promote high standards of housing management and maintenance to ensure long term quality for residents.

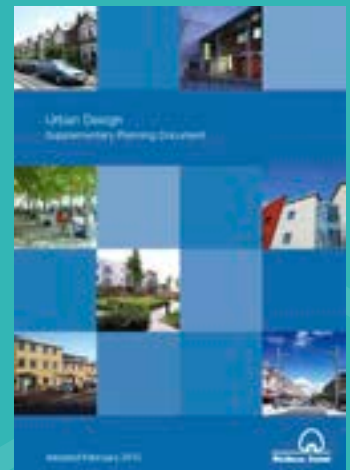
THIS CHARTER COMPLEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING POLICY DOCUMENTS:



Waltham Forest
Core Strategy



Waltham Forest
Development
Management Policies



Waltham Forest
Urban Design SPD



Our Building for the Future document sets out bold aspirations for our ambitious housing targets over the next few years.

This Charter is endorsed by

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