What is an Area Action Plan and why does Walthamstow need one?

Waltham Forest Council is preparing a Local Development Framework (LDF) to guide regeneration and development in the Borough for the next 20 years. The LDF is a series of planning documents, and will include Area Action Plans (AAPs) for areas likely to experience major change. Walthamstow Town Centre is such an area, so an AAP is now being prepared.

The AAP will help encourage investment and plan for growth in the town centre. It will help create new jobs, new housing, open spaces, shops, educational facilities and improved transport. The AAPs will also help protect what already exists in the area.

The AAP will provide a policy framework to further increase the town centre’s appeal and the provision of services. There are opportunities to redevelop key site in the town centre which could bring about significant investment and provide local residents with much needed new homes, shops and community facilities.

For further information please visit the Council’s webpage: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/ldf

Your Opinion is Important

The AAP will build on the Masterplan work undertaken by The Prince’s Foundation and, when adopted will replace the Interim Planning Policy Framework which was adopted in 2008. Although the AAP will build on previous work it is important that we have a clear idea of what the key issues are now. Your views are very important so please take the time to answer the following questions. Please note that this work is being carried out in conjunction with the work being undertaken on the Masterplan for the Arcade site.

I like the following things most about Walthamstow Town Centre:

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These are some of the issues we seek to tackle with the AAP:

- What types of new housing should we try to provide and where in the centre?
- What type of uses should we propose on the ‘key’ sites in the centre?
- What new facilities should be provided for in the centre?
- How can we encourage more people to shop in and visit the centre?
- Should we encourage night time uses?
- How can we reduce traffic congestion?
- What should our approach to parking be?
- How can we improve community safety?
I think the main problems in Walthamstow are as follows:

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I think the following should be considered as “Top 3 Priorities” for the Walthamstow Town Centre Area Action Plan to address:

1)  
2)  
3)  

I think the following sites should be investigated as part of the Walthamstow Town Centre Area Action Plan:

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Any other comments? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please return this form by the 25th March 2011 to:

Planning Policy, Waltham Forest Council, Fir Tree House, Forest Road, E17 4JF
Alternatively, you can email us your comments: planning.policy@walthamforest.gov.uk

There will be further opportunities for you to get involved in the preparation of the AAP. If you provide your contact details, we will keep you informed. Alternatively, you can visit our webpage and check WFN for upcoming events and attend Ward Forum Meetings.