

WALTHAMSTOW VILLAGE UPDATE



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Walthamstow Village is one of the residential areas in the borough to receive Mini Holland funding to create places that are great to live, work and travel. The improvements to the area will bring a wide range of benefits to residents and businesses such as better conditions for pedestrians and people who cycle, improved air quality and less congestion on local roads.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

We value your opinions and have been consulting on the Walthamstow Village area improvements over a three month period.

At every stage of this process we have talked to residents and local businesses and encouraged people to have their say. All feedback that has been received, both from the two week trial and public consultation held last year, has been used to shape the project.

RESULTS FROM THE CONSULTATION

The public consultation for the scheme ran between 28 November and 19 December 2014, a full report on the results can be found by visiting

www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/areas-of-development/walthamstow-village.

The results were presented to Waltham Forest Cabinet members on Tuesday 10 February 2015 and plans for the Walthamstow Village area improvements were approved.

KEY RESULTS FROM THE CONSULTATION

| Proposal | Percentage For | Percentage Against | Percentage Neutral | Percentage Don't know |
|---|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Road closures and traffic direction changes | 44 | 41 | 12 | 3 |
| Safer environment proposals | 74 | 13 | 11 | 2 |
| Proposal | Result | | | |
| Opening and closing time of the shared space on Orford Road | 51 per cent of respondents favoured the shared space on Orford Road to be closed from 10am to 10pm Monday to Sunday | | | |
| Top three improvements residents want to see in the area | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More trees across Walthamstow• Better pavements and street lighting on Barclay Path• An extended public square on Eden Road (Eden Village Square) | | | |





Walthamstow Village final design



IMPROVEMENTS TO WALTHAMSTOW VILLAGE

A final design has been developed and is outlined in the accompanying map. We believe the final design reflects the feedback received and will enhance Walthamstow Village.

Based on feedback received during the consultation period, the following changes were made to the original consulted design.

- Reduction to the length of the one-way section in Merton Road and Fraser Road
- Introduction of further traffic calming measures and improvements to the junction of Vestry Road and East Avenue
- Introduction of a right turn ban from Shernhall Street into Church Lane during the busy morning peak between 8am and 9.30am.

For further information about the final design please see the full report by visiting www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/areas-of-development/walthamstow-village.

ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC FLOW CHANGES

To address the issues surrounding non-local traffic, road closures and no entries will be introduced.

The road closures will affect motorised vehicles only (with an exception on Orford Road, where the W12 bus will be permitted); pedestrians and bike users will be able to pass through. Space will be allocated to allow vehicles to turn around, and in order to improve accessibility several roads will undergo traffic direction changes. The road closures and traffic direction changes are shown on the accompanying map.

SHARED SPACE ON ORFORD ROAD

Orford Road will be closed to traffic between 10am and 10pm Monday to Sunday (except buses, cycles and pedestrians). This will allow deliveries to be made to businesses on Orford Road outside of these times, which is important for business operations. Creating a restricted zone until 10pm will allow local businesses to utilise the space into the evenings. The scheme will be enforced by cameras.

The W12 bus route will remain unchanged and will continue to travel along Orford Road. Outside of the restricted zone, traffic will travel one-way (eastbound) and bays will be provided for loading and disabled badge holders.

CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

You told us that reducing the risks of speeding traffic and creating a safer environment in Walthamstow Village are your key priorities. The following were well supported during the consultation:

- Raised 'Copenhagen' style crossings to be implemented at key locations in Walthamstow Village
- Improve the junction on Barclay Road with Shernhall Street by widening pavements and raising the junctions to slow traffic
- Widen pavements and reduce the crossing distance on Addison Road at the junction with Shernhall Street
- Investigate and improve the street lighting levels on key routes, particularly those frequently used by pedestrians.

NEW AND IMPROVED PUBLIC SPACES

Based on the feedback we received at the design workshops from residents, we identified public spaces that will be developed to improve the look and feel of the area. You have told us that the following are the most important to you:

- More tree planting across Walthamstow Village
- Improvements to street lighting and the footpath along Barclay Path
- Improvements to the public square on Eden Road (Eden Village Square)
- Improvements to the footways, outside the parade of shops along 71-85 Grove Road.

We will develop designs for the public spaces in order of popularity and ask residents and businesses for further feedback later this year.

AREA UPKEEP

Maintenance was an issue that you wanted us to look at. Work on the following will begin in March 2015 and will continue over the next two years:

- Replace all speed cushions with speed humps to regulate traffic speeds and improve safety
- Improve street lighting
- Resurface roads
- De-clutter and remove redundant street signs.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Improvements to the area will begin in February and will run until July 2015. The work will be completed in stages to keep disruption in the area to a minimum.

FEBRUARY

- Preparation works to make way for the new improvements

MARCH

- Gather views from residents and businesses on public spaces
- Replace existing speed cushions with new speed humps
- Begin public realm improvements such as resurfacing roads on Grove Road and Maynard Road
- Begin work on East Avenue and West Avenue bridge closures

- Copenhagen style crossing points to be built with junctions meeting Hoe Street

APRIL

- Upgrade Barclay path, including new street lighting
- Public realm improvements for public spaces within the village area continues

MAY/JUNE/JULY

- Begin work on Orford Road and implement other road closures
- Public realm improvements completed

We want to develop public space improvements with residents living locally to the selected areas. We will contact residents directly so that they can feed into the design process.

A review of the changes will be conducted from six months after full implementation to make sure they have improved the area as proposed.

We welcome your feedback, please email your comments or questions to miniolland@walthamforest.gov.uk.

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