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What is Enjoy Waltham Forest all about…?
Waltham Forest in 2014…

- Polluted residential streets
- Congestion
- Dangerous speeds
- Lack of cycle facilities
- Lack of green spaces
- Poor footpaths and walking
- Few places to sit and enjoy
Enjoy Waltham Forest objectives…

- Safer streets for walking and cycling
- A network of direct joined up cycle routes
- Borough wide 20mph zones
- Better balance between movement and place
- International best practice
- Attract growth
- Supporting other corporate objectives
- Manage parking through controlled parking zones
Enjoy Waltham Forest vision…

- Lea Bridge Road – *a street for everyone*
- Walthamstow Village schemes
- Town Centre schemes
- A network of excellent cycle routes
- Complementary measures
- Cycle hubs
What have we done?
Low Traffic Neighbourhoods - villages

The Enjoy Waltham Forest Village schemes are a series of highway infrastructural improvements in the residential areas surrounding Town Centres. The aim of Villages is to provide cleaner, healthier and safer streets encouraging residents to enjoy the area they live in.

- 50 modal filters
- 118 Blended Crossings
- 23 new formal crossings
- 61 crossings in total now combined Pedestrian/ Cycle crossings
- Planted more than 700 trees, and created 15 pocket parks
Modal filters - reducing through traffic in residential areas

Blackhorse Village (Northcote Road)
Improved local high streets
Leyton Town Centre (Francis Road)

Francis Road has been transformed with a timed motor vehicle restriction, enhancing the local retail economy by proving accessible paving and an improved public realm with new greening and planting.
Blended Crossings

Blended crossings are designed to slow down vehicles when entering or exiting side roads and encourage vehicles to give way to pedestrians crossing the road, reinforcing the rules of the Highway Code.

People turning into side roads in cars should always give way to people who have started to cross as described in the Highway code. **Rule 170 of the Highway Code states** - Pedestrians that have started to cross the side road have priority over vehicles turning into the side road.
School Streets

School Streets is an initiative led by schools that are concerned about road safety and air quality around their schools.

Waltham Forest has launched two School Street trials at Byron Road and Marsh Lane and is about to consult with another school.
Road Safety Survey

Waltham Forest Council recently received funding from the Road Safety Trust for a three year project to research people’s perceptions of safety while travelling around the borough.

Public transport users, motorists, cyclists and pedestrians in Waltham Forest have been and will continue to be invited to take part in a road safety study online.
20mph – current status

Currently working on 20mph roll-out across the main road network south of A406 and making the remaining parts of the borough 20mph (residential and main roads).
20mph – next steps

The Council is committed to making all residential streets 20mph by the end of 2021; implementation of four zones to cover the remainder of the borough. Zones will be designed to self enforcing.

This has been prioritised as part of our LIP programme.
2010 - 2018

Percentage share of the borough within a CPZ
28% - 65%
Challenges

- Political will
- Stakeholder and resident resistance
- Devolving enforcement powers
- Differing demographics and travel behaviours across the borough
- Funding
- Managing highway space; reduction of parking
- Engaging with neighbouring boroughs
What’s next?

▪ Completion of the 20mph zone programme

▪ Local street improvements to create liveable, low traffic neighbourhoods across the borough

▪ Delivery of 40 School Streets across the borough by 2024

▪ Focused walking and cycling accessibility improvements at major rail and bus interchanges to support major sustainable transport projects
Thanks!

Any questions?

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