

Walthamstow Town Centre

Walthamstow Town Centre Strategic Location - Infrastructure Requirements

17.1 To ensure that growth is inclusive and sustainable, development must contribute to the delivery of key infrastructure in accordance with policy 96. This includes borough-wide infrastructure, such as affordable housing and workspace, tree planting and biodiversity, flood mitigation measures including Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), and investment in educational facilities, cultural initiatives, and heritage assets. This list sets out the specific requirements identified to be delivered in Walthamstow Town Centre Strategic Location based on a snapshot of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) at the time of drafting. It is very likely that much of it will serve communities outside the Strategic Location too, and it may therefore be necessary for development outside the Strategic Location to make appropriate contributions to its delivery.

17.2 Development proposals within the Walthamstow Town Centre Strategic Location will be expected to deliver or contribute towards the delivery of the following infrastructure items:

<p>1. Culture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Restoration and reopening of Soho Theatre Walthamstow (former historic EMD Cinema) as a major arts venue within the borough. ii. Enhancements to public spaces in Walthamstow High Street, Hoe Street, and St James Street including lighting and opportunities for public art establishing Walthamstow as a cultural destination. iii. Revitalisation of One Hoe Street by supporting local creative enterprises, through events, gallery and leisure offers.
<p>2. Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Establishment of University of Portsmouth campus within Walthamstow Town Centre including within Juniper House and Central House. ii. New childcare or early years' provision at Selborne Road.
<p>3. Employment and Social and Community Infrastructure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Future-proofing of the historic street market. ii. Provision of market traders' welfare facility.
<p>4. Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Replacement of St James Street Health Centre with a new purpose built facility and accommodation of new well-being centre.
<p>5. Heritage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Conversion of Grade II* listed Soho theatre, including restoration of the listed building and its features including windows, front gable, internal plasterwork and historic paint analysis. ii. Enhancing the condition of Chestnut House, an iconic and historic Grade II* heritage building, preserving its significance, whilst also ensuring it can meet modern commercial demands. iii. Restoration and revitalisation of Grade II* listed Vestry House Museum into a welcoming heritage destination with improved access, new creative workspace and a cafe. iv. Restoration of the Grade II listed Walthamstow Town Hall, including replacement of windows and restoration of heritage interiors.

	<p>v. Repairs to the Grade II listed War Memorial at Fellowship Square with new hard and soft landscaping to enhance the setting of the heritage assets.</p> <p>vi. Restoration of the Grade II listed Central Parade building on the Hoe Street including enhanced lighting, repairs to tiles and historic clock.</p>
6. Green and Blue Infrastructure	<p>i. Enhancement to Town Square Gardens (Selborne Park) and relocation and enhancement of play area.</p> <p>ii. Improvements to Thomas Gamuel Park including new seating and picnic tables.</p>
7. Public Realm	<p>i. Public realm enhancements at Walthamstow Town Centre, High Street and Town Square.</p> <p>ii. Improvements to Courtenay Mews public realm.</p> <p>iii. Investment in St James Street and St James Quarter public realm and activation of railway arches for community and commercial use.</p>
8. Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANGs)	<p>i. The SANGs sites identified as potentially providing visitor uplift capacity for new homes in the Walthamstow Town Centre Strategic Location include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Banbury Reservoir ● Douglas Eyre Playing Field ● Fellowship Square and Gardens ● Low Hall Farm ● Low Hall Wood and Sports Ground ● Queens Road Cemetery ● St Mary's Church Yard ● Stoneydown Park ● Thomas Gamuel Park ● Town Square and Gardens ● Walthamstow/Leyton Marsh Nature Reserve
9. Transport	<p>i. Accessibility and capacity enhancements at Walthamstow Central interchange including new step-free entrance to Walthamstow Central underground station at the entrance to The Mall and new access route to Walthamstow overground station.</p> <p>ii. Improved public realm at Walthamstow Central station gateway, including enhanced wayfinding and lighting.</p> <p>iii. New step-free access to St James Street overground station.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">iv. Improved links between Walthamstow High Street and St James Station via Courtenay Mews and railway arches including investment in wayfinding and lighting.v. Establishment of Walthamstow Central Active Travel Hub.vi. Enhanced cycle facilities and public realm on Hoe Street (Primary Cycle Network).vii. Enhancements to Walthamstow Queens Road Overground Station including improved wayfinding and lighting.
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