Regeneration boosts opportunities for Lea Bridge and Leyton areas

• Welcome to the first edition of Lea Bridge and Leyton newsletter to keep residents and businesses up to date with the Council’s plans.

In this newsletter we’ll update you on some of the main improvements taking place across the area including schemes already underway in Church Road, Dunedin Road and Lea Bridge Road, as well as ones being proposed for Gateway Road, three sites near Lea Bridge Station and the Leyton Cricket Ground. You can also check out details on the scheme’s web page or follow us on social media using the relevant hashtag for that site.

As always we welcome views from residents and businesses on the proposals so do let us have your comments, using the contact details on each site’s web page.

We welcome your feedback and encourage you to contact the team through any of our communication or social media channels.

More information: walthamforest.gov.uk/regeneration
Early last year residents and businesses took part in a six-week consultation, which saw more than 1,000 comments put forward on the draft "Lea Valley Eastside: Lea Bridge and Leyton Vision".

Following the comments made by residents and businesses the Vision was amended and in June 2017 Waltham Forest Council’s Cabinet approved the document, which will now inform the Waltham Forest Local Review.

The next stage is the review of the Council’s Local Plan, which will help guide development and change in the borough up to 2033.

The new Local Plan will address the challenges and opportunities for the borough and set out policy directions on housing, the economy, infrastructure, town centres, culture, heritage, environment and climate change, along with options for growth.

The Local Plan Review will follow the London Plan, which is currently being prepared by the Mayor of London. A consultation on the “Local Plan: Direction of Travel” closed on 22 December 2017 and the feedback received is now being considered as preparation for a report to be published later this year which will give the Council’s response to the issues raised.

Further consultation on the draft new Local Plan (Preferred Options) will be held later in 2018.

The new Local Plan is currently scheduled to be adopted in 2020.

As the Plan moves towards adoption it can start to be used as a consideration as part of planning decisions throughout the borough, including proposals in the Lea Bridge and Leyton area.

More information:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/town-centres#leavalley

Enjoy Waltham Forest

Off to the shops? Hire a free cargo bike

The Council has a fleet of bikes available to hire for free – cargo bikes and cycle bikes for adults and children.

Cargo, or ‘freight’ bikes, are designed and constructed specifically for transporting loads. They are great alternatives to the car and can be used for any journey to carry the kids from the school run to carrying groceries from shopping trips, and are perfect for local goods deliveries too.

Our bikes can be hired for up to three weeks at a time, to give you a taste of how quick and convenient your commute, or journey to the shops would be.

We also have helmets, lights, locks, and maps, so you’ll be good to go.

More information:

enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/cargo-bike

Check availability:

cargobikehire@walthamforest.gov.uk

Use ZED for your deliveries – £100 of deliveries for free

ZED, a new Zero Emission Delivery service has arrived in the borough thanks to funding from the Mayor of London’s Air Quality Fund.

Local businesses are eligible to use this service and, provided your items can fit on the ZED vehicles, the first £100 worth of deliveries could be free of charge.

The scheme, the first of its kind to be run by a Council in London, lets local businesses, organisations and charities have their goods delivered using environmentally friendly means.

Outspoken! Delivery, the service operator, is already making deliveries for many businesses in the borough including Perky Blenders and Organiclea using cargo bikes and an electric van.

The scheme follows the success of the 2016 “Christmas Courier” service which saw over 1,000 parcels delivered for 20 businesses.

More information:

cedwalthamforest.co.uk

Free cycle training

Whether you are an experienced cyclist or complete beginner, brushing up on or learning new skills is always a good thing.

The Council offers free cycle training, through our training partner Cycle Confident, to anybody who lives, works or studies in the borough of Waltham Forest, giving you the skills you need to cycle.

Sign up:

cycleconfident.com/sponsors/waltham-forest

Plan your walks and cycling…

The Waltham Forest digital map highlights walking and cycling routes around the borough, cycle parking locations and live public transport information, along with details of local services such as GP opening hours.

More data and information will be added to the map over the coming months, so if you have any suggestions please send them over to us.

More information:

https://walthamforest.livingmap.com/

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From Vision to Local Plan

To register your interest in future consultation events please visit: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/planning-policy-consultations or email: planning.policy@walthamforest.gov.uk
Your feedback helps shape our plans
The Council has been speaking to local residents, businesses and community groups about initial development ideas for three sites near Lea Bridge Station, and the feedback received from the early consultation is helping develop the proposals in time for more formal consultation in the future.

The proposals include providing 300 much-needed new homes on Council-owned land on three corners of the junction between Argall Way, Orient Way and Lea Bridge Road.

Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and High Streets, Councillor Simon Miller, said: “These are important sites identified for housing in the Lea Bridge and Leyton Vision, a Council plan approved in 2017.

“An important part of this project is redesigning the junction to improve traffic flow and make the station more easily accessible and able to cope with the expected number of passengers using it in the foreseeable future.”

Other parts of the proposal include an improved station entrance along with new employment, commercial and cultural uses for the sites.

Many local residents provided useful feedback and comments on initial proposals. Comments from the Ward Forum, site walk about, public meetings and the exhibition at Lea Bridge Library will be reported to Councillors, and published, to help them make decisions on the next stage of the scheme.

The Council is at the very early stages of developing these sites and will be seeking a development partner. Plans will be developed over the next 18 months with the aim of seeking planning permission in late summer 2019 and consultations will continue during that time.

If you wish to receive details of future consultations please email: leabridgeandleytonconsultation@walthamforest.gov.uk

More information: walthamforest.gov.uk/3StationSites
Follow on social media at: #3StationSites

256 Church Road

Minimising nuisance
Pile driving, to prepare the foundations, has started on the 256 Church Road site and is due to finish by end of March 2018.

Galliard the developer will be installing Continuous Flight Auger Piles (CFA) which involves drilling 20 metre deep holes into the ground and subsequently filling with concrete as this reduces vibration and disturbance.

Energy efficient LED lights have also been installed along the site hoarding to improve visibility for passers-by.

More information: walthamforest.gov.uk/256ChurchRoad
Follow on social media at: #256ChurchRoad

Dunedin Road

Dunedin Road progressing well
The development of 81 apartments and three houses for Newlon Housing Trust in Dunedin Road is progressing well with all four blocks now started and on track for occupation by May 2019.

Scaffolding is surrounding the buildings so windows can be put in and soon brickwork cladding will start wrapping the buildings as well as internal walls being built.

More information: walthamforest.gov.uk/DunedinRoad
Follow on social media at: #DunedinRoad

Lea Bridge Road

New homes for Lea Bridge
Two old industrial buildings have been demolished and basement excavations for 300 new homes at 97 Lea Bridge Road have been completed.

Basement slabs have been laid in seven of the blocks and stair case areas are now being built.

Drainage works at the front of the site should be completed soon.

The project is being delivered by Hill Construction in a joint venture with developer Peabody.

The Council is working with the developer to maximise the amount of affordable housing available for local residents.

More information: walthamforest.gov.uk/97LeaBridge
Follow on social media at: #97LeaBridge
Explore the borough’s industrial past

One of Waltham Forest’s hidden gems is the Pumphouse Museum on South Access Road, which is a Grade II listed former Victorian sewage pumping station.

The Pumphouse building itself is well worth a visit and contains a unique pair of Marshall ‘C’ class horizontal steam engines.

You can also explore displays of historic items relating to the rich transport and industrial heritage of Waltham Forest and the Lea Valley, including a horse-drawn fire pump and the fire engine used in the TV series London’s Burning.

Highlights of the collection include original Victoria Line Tube cars and a large model railway representing Walthamstow’s Hoe Street and Queen’s Road stations as they were in the halcyon days of steam. The Tube cars are currently undergoing restoration and will form part of a new exhibition showing a Tube station from 1968 when the Victoria Line first opened so they can be seen in their true setting.

One of the two Tube car sections will be restored as per the original prototype of 1967 and the other will provide the public with a Tube cab driver’s experience.

As well as being used as a film location the complete Tube car also serves as a pop-up restaurant operated by the Basement Galley Supper Club. You can book for the supper club online at basementgalley.com

The exhibits also include a two-thirds scale replica of one of the famous ‘B’ type buses that were built between 1910 and 1926 by AEC at its workshop in Forest Road, Walthamstow.

Further displays feature items made by local manufacturing companies, such as Gestetner and Belling.

More information: e17pumphouse.org.uk
Follow on social media: facebook.com/Walthamstow-Pumphouse-Museum twitter.com/pumphousemuseum

Owzat! New food hub will bowl you over!

Leyton Cricket Pavilion is due to be transformed into a real-food hub by Waltham Forest Council, thanks to our successful bid for National Lottery funding.

The Grade II listed building will have a restaurant, café and training kitchen, serving locally sourced food, while the historic tin hut and former dining room on site will become a food market selling local produce.

Views of local residents and businesses have been gathered and are being analysed as plans are developed for a submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund board in the summer of 2019.

Following feedback from local residents and businesses a detailed plan for the hub, along with a programme of community activities, will be developed.

Residents will have the opportunity to put forward their ideas and opinions at key stages throughout the project.

There will also be many volunteering opportunities and we hope residents become involved in shaping the project to ensure that it meets the needs of the local community.

Heritage, food and sport related activities will start on the site in late 2019 in the run up to the opening of the main facility.

It is estimated that building conservation works will be completed by the summer of 2021.

More information: walthamforest.gov.uk/LeytonCricketGround
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