# Enjoy Waltham Forest

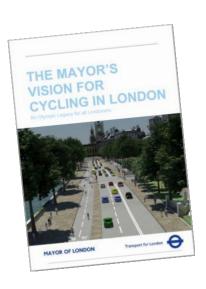
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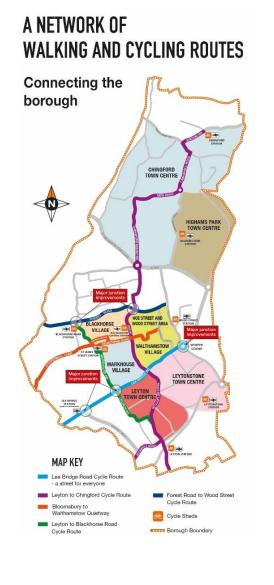


#### Waltham Forest Mini-Holland

- Part of the Mayors Transport Strategy
- Competition open to all outer London boroughs
- Scope of bid was to include:
  - A world class commuter route
  - A Main Town Centre
  - Secondary Centres
  - A Network of Excellent Cycle Routes
  - Complementary Measures







#### Waltham Forest

- One of the 18 outer London boroughs, in north-east London
- Population of about 280,000 people
- Young average age (32 years)
- A growing borough with lots of development and regeneration
- A host borough of London 2012 Olympics
- Diverse borough with significant eastern
   European and Asian populations



# Why Waltham Forest?

- An existing car dependent culture and a growing population reducing pollution and encouraging healthy, active lifestyles
- Opportunity to redesign streets and make them better for everyone
- World class cycling and walking links from all parts of the borough to work, education, recreation, nature
- Encouraging people from all communities to walk and cycle more, reducing car use
- Supporting growth and development in a sustainable way









Boris Johnson, London



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# Why Waltham Forest?

- Encouraging people from all communities to walk and cycle more, reducing reliance on private vehicles
- Making our streets better places to be for everyone
- Healthier streets- reducing pollution and encouraging healthy, active lifestyles
- The entire borough is designated an Air Quality Management Area



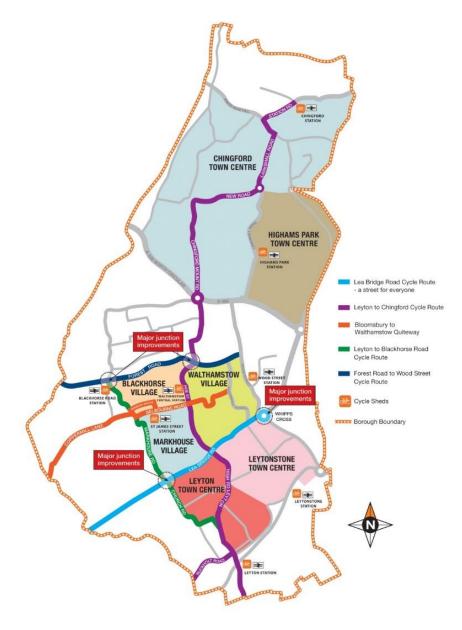






#### Network of routes

- Continuous, joined up network
- Doesn't give up at the difficult places
- Links villages and town centres together for longer journeys
- Direct links into the wider London cycling network with continuous segregated/low traffic journeys possible into central London
- Connects the key destinations in the borough and those nearby



# Network of routes

























#### The Villages

Walthamstow Village, Markhouse Village, Blackhorse Village and Hoe Street/Wood Street

- A cycling (and walking) grid of ≤400m
- A local network that is protected from traffic conditions on main roads
- Wayfinding for short and long journeys
- Direct access into local and London cycle network
- Cycle parking- at stations, shops and at home



# The Villages Walthamstow Village local connections

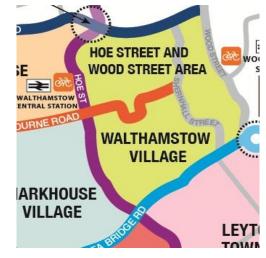














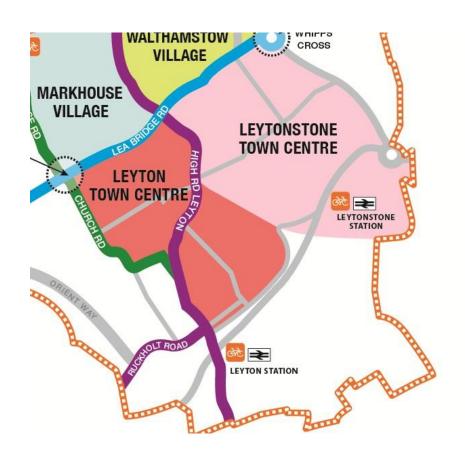






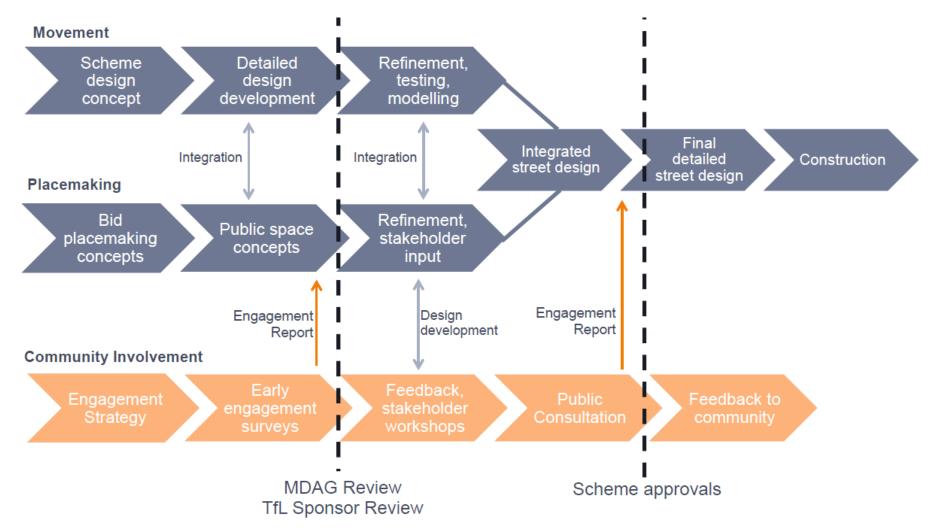
#### The Town Centres

Chingford, Highams Park, Leyton, Leytonstone

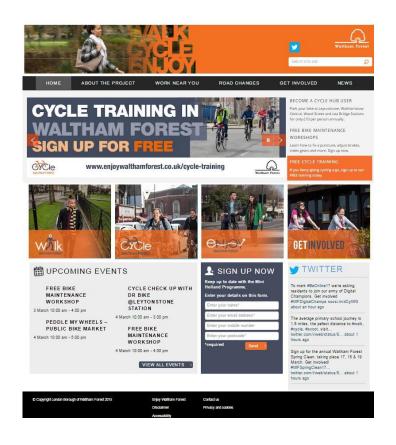




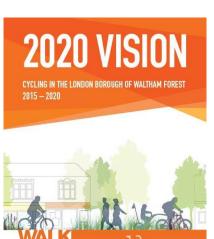
# Design process



### Resources and documentation







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Weighbouring boroughs Local businesses Local schools Road users BMF Planning Team LBWF Regeneration Team local residents Community groups LBWF Air Quality Team Transport for London PROJECT London TravelWatch **London Buses** Mayors Design Advisory Group WF Cycle Campaign TEAM London Cycling Campaign Urban Design London Sustrans International Universities of Driversities of Walking & Ocling Commissioner Deputy Mayor for Transport

# Project process

- Early engagement- resident meetings, Perception Survey
- Design workshops with residents and businesses
- Public consultation inc. drop-in sessions, walking audits
- Reporting process
- Statutory consultation
- Construction





#### The Villages

Walthamstow Village, Markhouse Village, Blackhorse Village and Hoe Street/Wood Street

- Distinct urban villages with their own identities that are great places to walk and cycle
- Quiet green areas free of through traffic
- 20mph speed limit
- New public spaces and better shopping areas
- New places for informal socialising play
- Get to know your neighbours

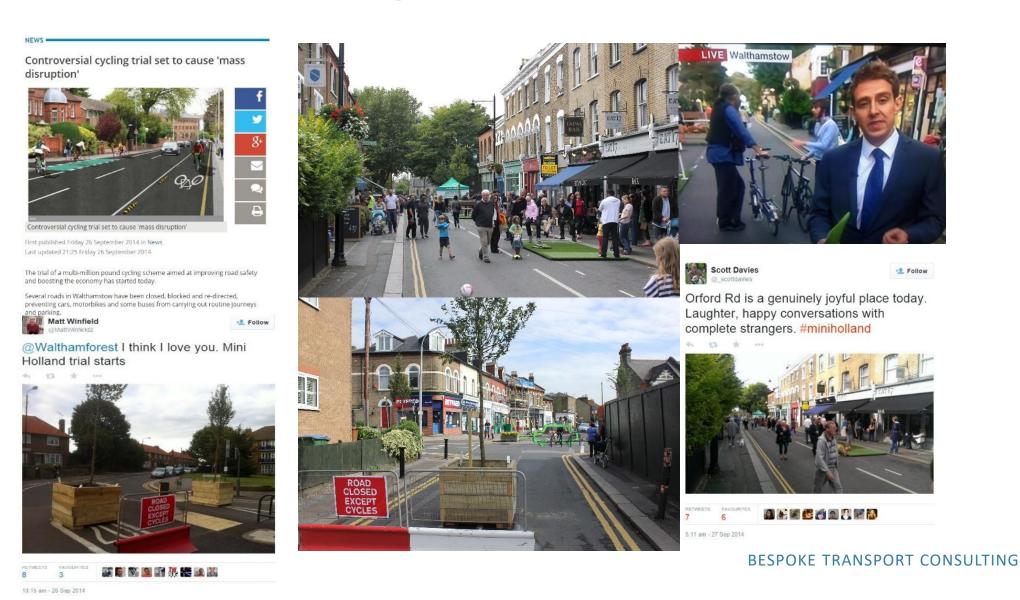




# Walthamstow Village trial



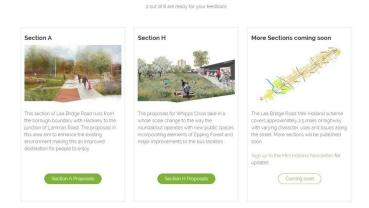
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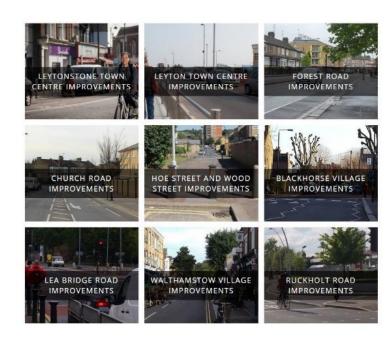
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### Engagement

- Used on-line platform (website and consultation tool commonplace
- It enables us to tell the entire project story
- Able to run multiple engagement/consultations at different stages at any one time
- We can provide much more detail and background for respondents



Lea Bridge Road Sections



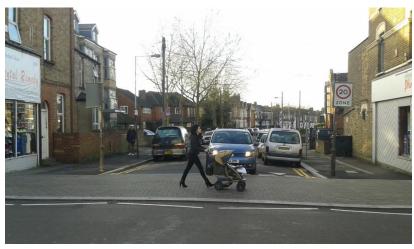


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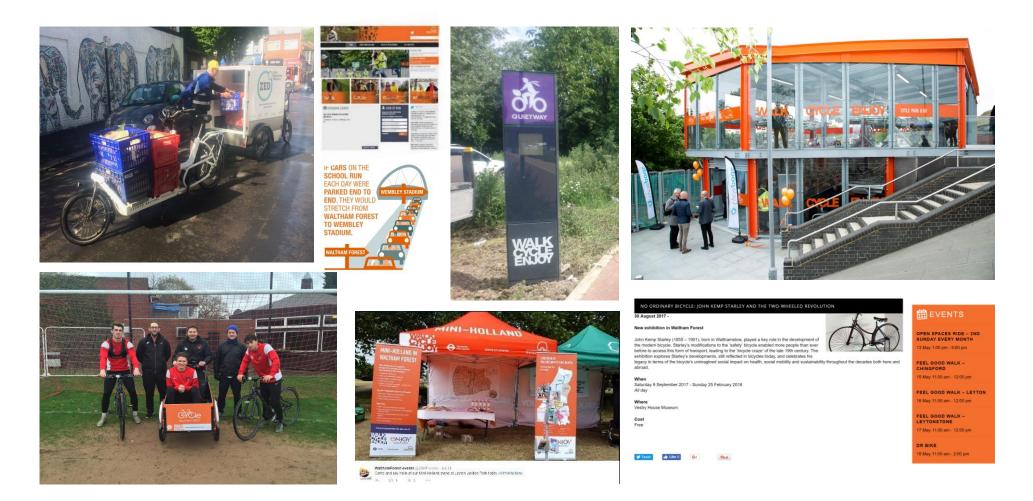




# Complementary measures

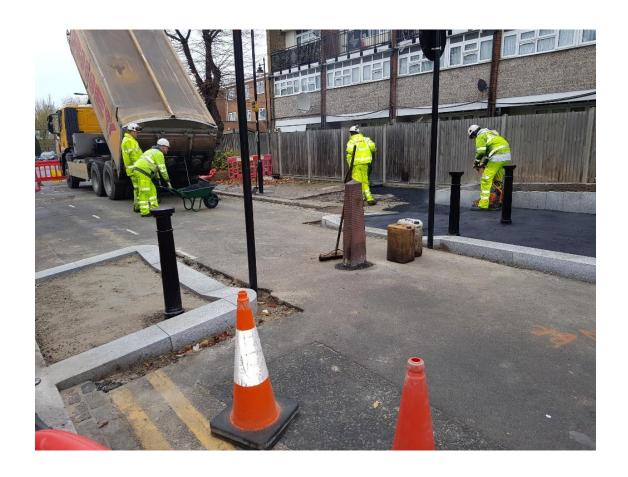


# Complementary measures



# Progress

- Programme largely complete
- 43 streets closed to motor traffic
- 1062 20 mph roads
- New public spaces
- 350 new trees and 15 pocket parks
- 22 kms of new cycle track
- 8 cycle parking hubs at stations
- 300+ cycle hangars
- Over 1500 new on street spaces



#### University of Westminster Study

- Study comparing people living in MH boroughs with others
- Suggests an increase in walking and cycling in MH boroughs esp. high dose areas
- Residents active 41 minutes a week more than those living in other areas
- Increase greater in walking (32 mins) than cycling (9 mins)
- Getting towards WHO and MTS targets

#### TfL data

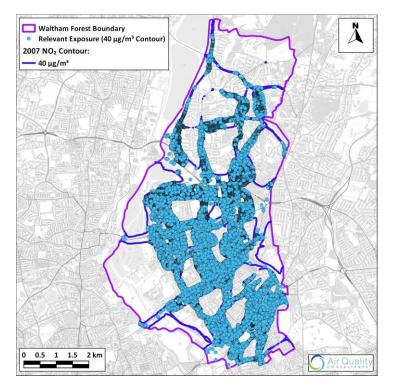
Only outer London borough where more walking and cycling trips than private car

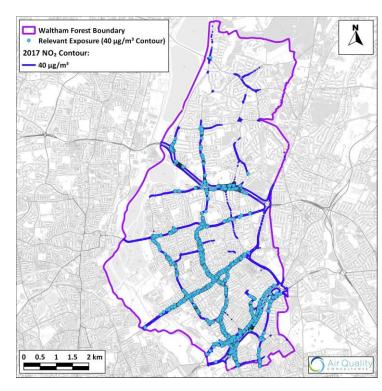
#### Resident insight survey

•Amount of residents describing themselves as occasional and frequent cyclists has doubled



Kings College Air Quality Research Group Investigation





- Houses exposed to more than max EU rec levels of NO2 down from 58,000 in 2007 to 6,300 in 2017
- Residents will live 7 months longer
- 5 year old children will live an extra 6 weeks from improvements, active school run could add another 3 weeks

#### Department for Transport

- Most active outer London borough 40% of adults walk five times a week (only second to City of London)
- Highest of outer London boroughs for cycling five times a week
- 6th highest in greater London (only inner London boroughs higher)





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