



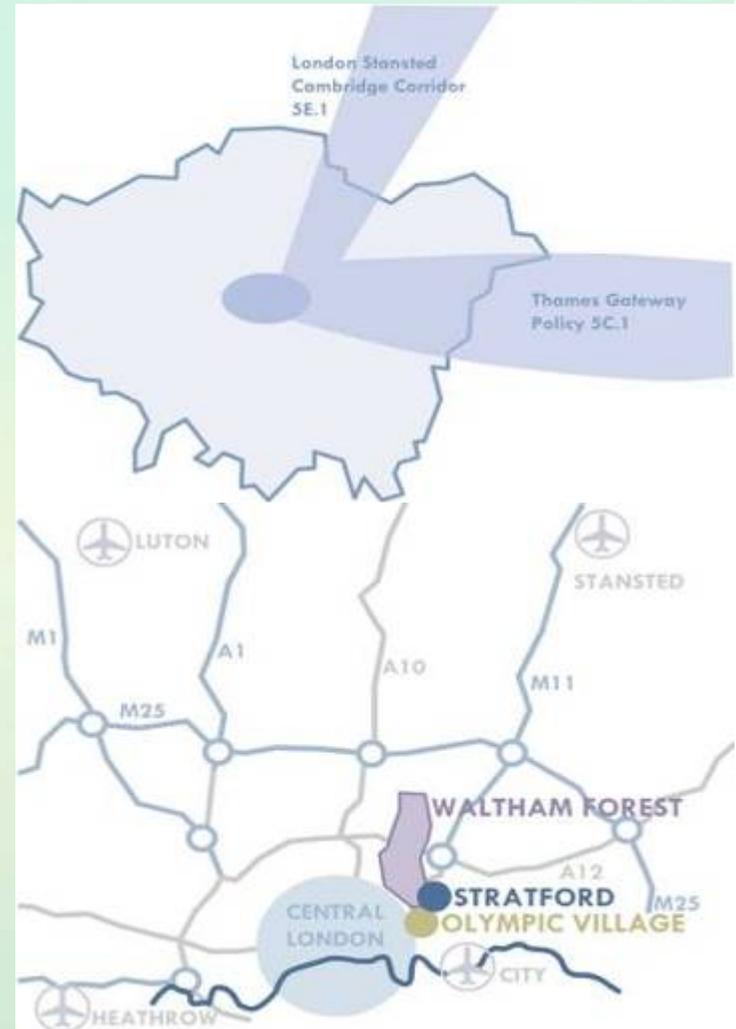
The Regeneration of Waltham Forest

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Waltham Forest Strategic Context

- ODPM – Sustainable Communities Plan
- Growth Areas
- Lower Lea Valley/Olympics
- Upper Lea Valley
- Thames Gateway UDC
- London Plan
- North London Sub-Region
- Stratford City
- BSF
- Regional sub regional agendas
- Public Sector reform





Some Big Challenges for the Council

- How do we maximise the advantages of being in two sub-regions and minimise the disadvantages?
- Can we use growth to improve and sustain our communities?
- Can we use the London 2012 Olympics to improve access to jobs and business opportunities?
- How can we make sure our town centres survive in the wake of Stratford City?



Walthamstow Town Centre: Summary

- Big improvements over the last 5 years
- Walthamstow is currently a thriving local centre
- The challenge is to maintain this position and interest with the changing context of:
 - Stratford City
 - Olympics
 - Changing demographics of the population
 - development of the new planning policy framework
- The challenge can be met through creating a **shared** vision for the future through an open and consultative process



Walthamstow: In the Pipeline

- Arcade Site
- Tower Mews
- Library
- Cinema in Walthamstow
- South Grove Area
- Church Hill
- Bus Station Subway link to Walthamstow Central
- Investor Interest in Other Sites





GAF 2 – St James Street Infrastructure Works

- Public Realm Improvements to pedestrian links from the High Street to Courtney Place
- Improvements to the entrance to Courtney place from St James Street in front of the railway arches
- Home Zone on the edge of the St James Street Car Park which aims to facilitate the development of a brand new St James Street Health Centre.