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We're leading a local revolution on the streets of Waltham Forest. 15-minute neighborhoods are our new way of living in a city where everything's easily within reach.

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The people of Waltham Forest have told us that 15-minute neighborhoods should be a priority for the council. The message from you is clear. Life's better when it's local. You said that 15-minute neighborhoods are important to you because they build tight-knit communities. They make it easier for everyone to get around. They help your area thrive and they're great for the planet. So we are making 15-minute neighborhoods a reality for local people.

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We've transformed our libraries and public buildings, improving accessibility, so they can serve their communities better. We've created more bike routes to help you get around easier. We've invested in our high streets and rallied our communities to choose local businesses. And we've turned unused land into mini-parks throughout Waltham Forest. We were the first borough of culture with activities taking place at every corner. And today, culture is always on your doorstep, from the Orient Stadium, film festivals, and art trails, to the newly created Fellowship Square and the upcoming theater at the former Granada EMD. Living in the heart of a vibrant community is important to all of us. That's why we are pioneering 15-minute neighborhoods, because life's better when it's local.