

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 – [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk)

Dear Members

BERA has been fighting the STP proposals since the autumn of 2016, with the Chairman being heavily criticised when we first mentioned that the A&E Department was going to be downgraded. We did, with the help of others stop this from happening. However, we also mentioned last year that we believe that Mission Creep would happen by the bureaucrats of the hospital. Digging down into the STP's consultation proposals, we believe as far as services are concerned, all complex renal, trauma, vascular, stroke, general emergency surgery and neurology will be taken out of Southend and carried out at either Broomfield or Basildon, so all equipment and staff will be moved at that time. Only cancer stays at Southend Hospital. The acute stroke unit will be at Basildon, but given that the renowned stroke consultant's team at Southend Hospital has already been run down, we believe there is a possibility that we will end up within 3 years with no stroke team at Southend at all. If the information we have been given is correct, then this is really disturbing news. If you haven't already done so please fill in the consultation document for Southend Hospital. A copy of the document is available by phoning 01245 398118, emailing [meccg.stpconsultation@nhs.net](mailto:meccg.stpconsultation@nhs.net) or writing to:

Consultation Team  
Mid and South Essex STP  
Wren House  
Colchester Road  
Chelmsford  
Essex  
CM2 5PF

If you are concerned about what is planned for our hospital then we urge you to please make your views known either by emailing or writing to the email or address given. Alternatively you can complete an online survey by going to [www.surveymoz.com/s3/90059489/NHS-Mid-and-South-Essex-STP](http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/90059489/NHS-Mid-and-South-Essex-STP).  
**NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.**

Regards  
Ron

**1.** We would like to pass on a gentle reminder to residents living around Antrim and Armagh Roads that when residents park across the dropped kerb outside their house it can cause significant inconvenience to the houses opposite, given the narrowness of the road. There have also been instances of vehicles parked close together on opposite sides of the road, particularly at night and weekends. Whilst cars can pass through these gaps, it is incredibly tight and it is worrying as to what would happen should an ambulance or fire engine need to access the road. There have also been instances of parents parking on the grass verges during school collection and drop off, causing damage to the verges, and prohibiting road users from passing safely.

**2.** The Breadwinner (former bakery at 173 The Broadway Thorpe Bay) is to be replaced by The Cappiccino Bakery Limited – construction work in progress.

### 3. Crime incidents from 12-18 February 2018

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO - filtered
Thorpe	42/20381/18	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	12/02/2018 13:29	09/02/2018 00:00	Camper Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY BY SMASHING FURNITURE, LEAVING THE BATHROOM IN AN UNHYGIENIC STATE AND PUTTING BLOOD ON THE WALLS AND CARPETS.
Thorpe	42/21756/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	15/02/2018 12:43	14/02/2018 19:45	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED THE VICTIMS VEHICLE AND HAVE STOLEN ITEMS FROM THE BACK SEAT, NO DAMAGE CAUSED IN ORDER TO GAIN ENTRY AND NO SEARCH MADE

We have also had notification that a BERA member had flower pots stolen from outside their house this week. Not sure what can be done to prevent this, but maybe if we are aware that this kind of thing goes on, we can keep an eye out for any suspicious behaviour and report it to the police.

**4. Essex Police received more than 100 videos in the first full month of the Extra Eyes campaign and took action in response to 49 of the clips.**

Launched in December 2017, Extra Eyes encourages road users to submit footage showing dangerous road user behaviour, in a bid to reduce crashes and save lives on roads across Essex, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock.

[The Extra Eyes webpage](#) provides a simple method for cyclists, motorcyclists and drivers to upload footage showing dangerous or illegal behaviour.

Having reviewed the footage, where appropriate Essex Police will contact the person caught on camera and explain the potential consequences of their actions. Alternatively, the offender may be offered a driver retraining course, or in serious cases face prosecution with the footage used as evidence.

In January 2018, 33 notice of intended prosecutions (NIPs) were sent out for careless driving as a result of footage submitted by the public, while one NIP was issued for dangerous driving. Eleven road users received a letter from the police warning them about their behaviour. Seven of the videos showed road traffic collisions and as such were passed on to the Essex Police CRASH team.

Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) hopes that the publicity generated by Extra Eyes will act as a reminder to road users of the need to behave safely and considerately.

[Click here](#) to see examples of the type of footage SERP is asking people to submit, along with full guidance on how to submit footage.

**Matt Hine, from Essex Police Operational Tasking Unit, said:**

“We’re very pleased with the initial response from the road using public to Extra Eyes.

“Almost 50% of the video clips we’ve received have led to action against drivers who hopefully will understand that their behaviour could have led to disastrous consequences and will modify their behaviour going forward.

“We’d also like to remind people they can use the Extra Eyes link to provide us with information relating to drink/drug drive offences, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”

Essex Police Extra Eyes Reporting webpage link: <https://saferessexroads.org/extraeyes/>

**5. Be wary of opening suspicious looking emails** especially if you don’t know who they are from. If you know you have had nothing to do with a company and they send you an invoice, just delete it. Also be extra careful of any emails with attachments that need opening – always make sure you know the person that sent them, as they may contain a virus which could badly damage your computer.

**6. Pavement parking rules examined**

New pavement parking rules could see councils fine residents who block pedestrian

access, as councils call for the powers that exist to prevent pavement parking in London to be extended across the country. Cllr Martin Tett, the LGA's Transport spokesman, said: "Local authorities need this power to respond to concerns raised by their communities, for example if a street is becoming dangerously congested or pedestrians are being forced to step out into the street to get around parked vehicles. This is particularly dangerous for blind or partially sighted people and mums and dads with prams."

7. Please find to follow details of major road works in the borough with associated road closure's for the week of 19th – 25th February and provisional works for the week of 26th February 2018 – 4th March 2018.

Southend Borough Council.	LA Ref- 82946.
Ashburnham Road, Southend.	21/02/2018 – 21/02/2018.
Tree Pollarding.	

Southend Borough Council.	LA Ref- 82947.
Napier Avenue, Southend.	26/02/2018 – 26/02/2018.
Tree Pollarding.	

Southend Borough Council.	LA Ref- 82949.
Boston Avenue, Southend.	26/02/2018 – 02/03/2018.
Tree Pollarding.	

Please note, if you require further information regarding these work's or any road works in the Borough, information is available via [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org)

## 8. Shoebury Common Sea Defences

Once again the stakeholders meeting has been further delayed until after the local elections, which of course are 3<sup>rd</sup> May. We don't understand why, but it seems that the council are very nervous about releasing the proposed design. As soon as we know anything we will keep you updated. Councillor Martin Terry, who is Chairman of the Stakeholders Group is as frustrated as the rest of us but the council won't release the

information or hold the meeting. We can only assume this is good news, as it must be so different from the seven foot high sea of mud that was being planned before.

**9.** As you are aware our Chairman, Ron Woodley, is very much involved with the Local Government Association. He has been pushing hard through the LGA, to get the Government to allow Council's to charge council tax on major developments that have not been built within the planning permission timeframe. This is good news as it will help build the necessary homes that are required and to give councils much needed funding to supply the services that we all require. Across the whole country more than 423,000 homes are waiting to be built, after planning permission has been issued.