

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 22nd AUGUST 2017

1. Kent Elms Junction Update

Please see below the latest update on the **Kent Elms Junction**. Progress so far can be found [here](#).

The completed Southend bound carriageway providing three lanes inbound and new pedestrian crossings near Mendip Crescent and on Rayleigh Road are being monitored.

The Traffic signals are now running on SCOOT and will be monitored to ensure optimum efficiency at the junction.

Realignment works at Tops Fireplaces will commence shortly.

Some off-peak daytime London bound lane closures may still be necessary whilst work continues to be undertaken by the utility companies.

2. Trees/plants/bushes overhanging the pavements or roads

It is the time of year when our plants/trees/shrubs are all growing incredibly fast. The Council will cut back anything on council land that overhangs the road or pavement (and we are constantly reminding them if they miss something), but it may be time for us to have a look at our own front gardens, and cut back anything that causes a problem for pedestrians walking past our homes. Look out for things like berries or fruit that may be dropping off trees or bushes, making a slippery mess or trip hazard that could be dangerous to older people. Sometimes what seems like a small problem to us may be a huge problem to pedestrians. Let's all be considerate and try to keep our front garden free from rubbish and overhanging shrubbery so that we have an attractive looking neighbourhood.

3. Fraudsters/Criminal Damage

We have been informed that there have been several cases recently where local people have had **cold calling workmen** knock at their door offering to do work immediately, for very large sums of money, and which they insist must be paid for in cash. We would advise you to never hire or buy from people on your doorstep, always get at least three quotes for any work you do want doing, and where possible get references and never pay in cash. We have also had a report of a badge being ripped off the front of a Mercedes on Tues 15th August and a BMW being broken into last weekend which was reported to the police. Ensure you leaving nothing on show in your vehicle and keep an eye out for each other and report any criminal damage to the police.

4. Become a foundation trust member for Southend Hospital

We have been asked whether any of our members have considered becoming a **foundation trust member for Southend Hospital**. It is free and something we urge all local residents to consider. For further information go to:

<http://www.southend.nhs.uk/support-us/foundation-trust-membership/>

All you need to do is send an email to david.fairweather@southend.nhs.uk including your name, address and date of birth. He will then post back a form to be completed

5. Views sought over new generation of CCTV

Southend residents and businesses are being asked for their **views on a proposed upgrade of the Borough's CCTV network**.

The Council is now seeking views over proposals to overhaul the entire network and establish new areas of the town to be covered by CCTV. This follows an assessment of the capabilities of the Borough's ageing analogue CCTV network, opportunities posed by newer digital technologies, and changes in the Borough's night-time economy. In order to justify the use of CCTV, we have to demonstrate the cameras meet standards for effectively tackling crime and anti-social behaviour and believe they will not meet those standards for much longer so are looking to invest in their replacement. This then gives us the opportunity to review which areas of the town that should be covered by CCTV, taking into account changes in where crime and anti-social behaviour occur and changes in the night-time economy, such as the growth of areas of Leigh-on-Sea as an evening destination.

Digital CCTV cameras can zoom further and pan wider than the council's current cameras, meaning a larger area can be effectively covered by a single camera and produce images of a higher resolution.

The main areas the council is seeking views on, are:

- The proposed switch to digital cameras
- The areas of the town which would most benefit from CCTV coverage

The Council's CCTV suite is monitored 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. There are currently 165 cameras that are strategically placed around the Borough to help deter and detect crime and to promote a sense of public safety in our neighbourhood.

So that we can make sure that the new network is fit for purpose, we are urging residents, businesses and community groups to give us their views as part of a public consultation.

The Council will use this feedback to develop our proposals and influence the network that is ultimately built.

This consultation has been launched this week (week commencing 14 August) and will continue until Friday 6 October.

How to take part

We encourage you to respond to the consultation online via: www.southend.gov.uk/cctv.

Alternatively, response forms can be downloaded from the website www.southend.gov.uk/cctv or paper response forms can be sent out on request or collected from Southend Council Offices. Completed response forms should be sent to:

- (FAO Business Intelligence Officer) Deputy Chief Executive (Place), PO Box 5557, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6ZF;
- Or via email: betersouthend@southend.gov.uk

If you have any queries relating to the consultation or want advice on how to respond, please contact the Performance Team on 01702 215408 during office hours Monday-Friday, or email betersouthend@southend.gov.uk

All responses will be publicly available and cannot be treated as confidential, although address, telephone and email details will not be published.

Public drop-in sessions

Public 'drop in' sessions have been arranged at the following locations:

23rd August – 9am – 4pm

Leigh Town Hall - 73 Elm Road, Leigh on Sea, SS9

Civic Centre - 4.30pm – 8pm

Jubilee Room, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue

9th September - 3pm - 8pm

Committee Room 2, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend

Shoebury - date to be confirmed (see website for further updates)

Shoebury Youth Centre - 204 Delaware Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS3 9NS

For paper copies of the options and this questionnaire and details of consultation events, please email betersouthend@southend.gov.uk

6. Highways, Traffic and Parking Issues

As you are aware we have been fighting to have various roads in the area resurfaced, so we are delighted to announce the following:

A)

1. SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that to facilitate essential resurfacing works they have imposed a TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF ENTRY, in **MARCUS CHASE** THORPE BAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

2. Whilst this NOTICE is in operation, all vehicles will be prohibited from:

Entering Marcus Chase in its entirety, apart from emergency vehicles and any vehicle used in connection with the said works, and will apply also to B, C, D and E.

3. These prohibitions or restrictions will come into effect on **25th August 2017 for 2 days**. This NOTICE will remain in force for the 5 days, to allow for unexpected events/delays and possible remedial works. Resident's access will be maintained where possible.

B)

1. SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that to facilitate essential resurfacing works they have imposed a TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF ENTRY, in **MARCUS GARDENS** THORPE BAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

2. These prohibitions or restrictions will come into effect on **30th August 2017 for 2 days**. This NOTICE will remain in force for the 5 days, to allow for unexpected events/delays and possible remedial works. Resident's access will be maintained where possible.

C)

1. SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that to facilitate essential resurfacing works they have imposed a TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF ENTRY, in **THORPE HALL CLOSE** THORPE BAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

2. These prohibitions or restrictions will come into effect on **1st September 2017 for 1 day**. This NOTICE will remain in force for the 5 days, to allow for unexpected events/delays and possible remedial works. Resident's access will be maintained where possible.

D)

1. SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that to facilitate essential resurfacing works they have imposed a TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF ENTRY, in **WOODGRANGE CLOSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**.

2. These prohibitions or restrictions will come into effect on **4th September 2017 for 1 day**. This NOTICE will remain in force for the 5 days, to allow for unexpected events/delays and possible remedial works. Resident's access will be maintained where possible.

E)

1. SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that to facilitate essential resurfacing works, they have imposed a TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF ENTRY, in **PLAS NEWYDD/ CAPADOCIA STREET SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**.

2. These prohibitions or restrictions will come into effect on **5th September 2017 for 3 days**. This NOTICE will remain in force for the 5 days, to allow for unexpected events/delays and possible remedial works. Whilst the works take place a diversion route via Eastern Esplanade, Lifstan Way and Shaftesbury Avenue and vice versa will be signed on site. Resident's access will be maintained where possible.

7. Bin Bags

Finally, there seems to be a problem with **Veolia not supplying bin bags** recently. Don't forget you can get white/pink/green bags from your local councillors – Ron Woodley, Mike Stafford or Martin Terry (Tel: 01702 588662).