

BERA NEWS

Dear Members

Greenways

After a frustrating number of years I have received a letter from the Chief Executive of Southend Council informing me that the new parking restrictions in Greenways, Meadow Drive, Wyatts Drive and Colbert Avenue (from Greenways to the Church) should be in place at the start of the January term. This seems like a good job well done and hopefully the Council have finally learnt their lesson not to ignore us. This will also include a travel plan for parents to take their children to and from school. This travel plan will be a formulation of children walking, scootering and cycling to school with parents parking in Southchurch Park East car park.

Southend Hospital

We have been informed that there is a consultation on whether to consolidate A&E at Basildon Hospital. According to our sources, the decision has already been made and this will be a disaster for people this end of town. Can you imagine how long it would take to get to Basildon Hospital in a rush hour from Thorpe Bay and Shoeburyness, especially with residents that are in a trauma situation? I cannot believe that the CCG are telling us that it is just as safe in an emergency to go to Basildon as opposed to Southend A&E. Again, according to my source at the hospital it will put patients at considerable risk. We need to mobilise against these plans and would suggest everyone writes to our local MP James Duddridge, as this seems to be a government policy.

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Southchurch Park Pavilion/Vandalism

A culprit has been arrested in relation to the vandalism that took place in the Pavilion last week.

Thank you to all residents who have passed on information regarding damage to cars in our area. This information has been passed on to the Police.