

## E-Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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### **1) Information Corner**

Please see the basic facts of the parking charges, as it seems that the charging and the effects of the pass are being mis-understood. The associated costs have been worked out and please see the below table for the benefits.

<b>FAIRHEAD GREEN WESTERN ESPLANADE</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>NEW CHARGES</b>	<b>WITH PASS</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
UP TO 1 HOUR	£2.90	£2.50	<b>ZONES 1A</b> 0.28 FOR THREE HOURS	DECREASE INCREASE WITHOUT PASS ONLY
UP TO 2 HOURS	£2.90	£4.50	0.28 FOR THREE HOURS	DECREASE INCREASE WITHOUT PASS ONLY
UP TO 3 HOURS	£6.60	£6.50	0.28 FOR THREE HOURS	DECREASE INCREASE WITHOUT PASS ONLY
UP TO 4 HOURS	£6.60	£8.50	£2.78	INCREASE WITHOUT PASS ONLY
UP TO 5 HOURS	£10	£11	£4.78	INCREASE WITHOUT PASS ONLY
UP TO 6 HOURS	£10	£14	£6.78	INCREASE WITHOUT PASS ONLY

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7 HOURS AND  
OVER

£12

£24

£8.78

INCREASE  
WITHOUT PASS  
ONLY

## TYLERS AVENUE, YORK ROAD

### TOWN CENTRE

UP TO 1 HOUR

£1.10

£1.10

**ZONES 1B**  
0.28 FOR THREE  
HOURS

SAME

UP TO 2 HOURS

£1.90

£2.20

0.28 FOR THREE  
HOURS

INCREASE

UP TO 3 HOURS

£4.70

£3.30

0.28 FOR THREE  
HOURS

DECREASE

UP TO 4 HOURS

£4.70

£4.40

£1.38

DECREASE

UPTO 5 HOURS

£6.60

£5.50

£2.48

DECREASE

UP TO 6 HOURS

£6.60

£6.60

£3.58

SAME  
INCREASE

7 HOURS AND  
OVER

£9.00

£12.00

£4.68

WITHOUT PASS  
ONLY

## EASTERN ESPLANADE, ELM RD, BELTON GARDENS

UP TO 1 HOUR

£1.20

£1.00

**ZONES 2/3**  
0.28 FOR THREE  
HOURS

DECREASE

UP TO 2 HOURS

£2.30

£2.00

0.28 FOR THREE  
HOURS

DECREASE

UP TO 3 HOURS

£3.90

£3.00

0.28 FOR THREE  
HOURS

DECREASE

UP TO 4 HOURS

£4.60

£4.00

£1.28

DECREASE

UP TO 5 HOURS

£5.70

£5.00

£2.28

DECREASE

UP TO 6 HOURS

£7

£6.00

£3.28

DECREASE  
INCREASE

7 HOURS AND  
OVER

£9.00

£12.00

£4.28

WITHOUT PASS  
ONLY

## SHOEBURY COMMON NORTH AND SOUTH

## EAST BEACH

			<b>ZONES 2/3</b>	
UP TO 1 HOUR	£1.00	£1.00	0.28 FOR THREE HOURS	SAME
UP TO 2 HOURS	£2.00	£2.00	0.28 FOR THREE HOURS	SAME INCREASE WITHOUT THE PASS
UP TO 3 HOURS	£2.80	£3.00	0.28 FOR THREE HOURS	DECREASE
UP TO 4 HOURS	£4.50	£4.00	£1.28	DECREASE
UP TO 5 HOURS	£5.60	£5.00	£2.28	DECREASE
UP TO 6 HOURS	£7.00	£6.00	£3.28	DECREASE INCREASE WITHOUT PASS ONLY
7 HOURS AND OVER	£8.00	£12.00	£4.28	

PASS IS OPEN TOO ALL, NOT JUST SOUTHEND RESIDENTS  
YOU ARE ABLE TO MOVE FROM ZONES IN THE SAME DAY

## ON STREET PARKING

### TOWN CENTRE

UP TO 1 HOUR	£1.70	£1.10	0.28 FOR THREE HOURS	DECREASE
UP 2 HOURS	£3.30	£2.20	0.28 FOR THREE HOURS	DECREASE
UP TO 3 HOURS	£5.00	£3.30	0.28 FOR THREE HOURS	DECREASE
UP TO 4 HOURS	£6.50	£4.40	£1.38	DECREASE INCREASE WITHOUT PASS ONLY
Up to 14 Hours	£11.50	£12.00	£4.68	

### Southend Pass set to be available to all

The Southend Pass is set to be offered to residents from outside the Borough too, as the cabinet member for transport looks at boosting visitor numbers for the summer season.

The council's cabinet will discuss extending the Southend Pass to anyone that wishes to buy it, as part of proposed amendments to the draft 2021/22 budget (cabinet, 16 February). It is hoped that expanding the offer to non-residents will help increase visitors to Southend-on-Sea throughout the year and boost the Borough's economy.

The annual pass, which will cost £8.50 per month, will be available for use from 1 April 2021, and enable the holder to park in any council-owned car park or on-street pay and display parking bay in Southend for up to three hours at a time across each of the newly proposed four zones across the Borough.

At just £8.50 per month, the pass works out at 28p if used daily, 85p if used ten times across a month or £2.12 if used four times a month.

The pass will be available using the MOBON app. Once parked, activate your parking session on the app. Once your three hours have expired, you can top up your parking session with the app to extend your stay for the relevant additional charge.

For those who do not have access to a smart phone or the MOBON app, there are other ways to pay for the Southend Pass. Please contact the parking team on 01702 215003 for more information.

Cllr Ron Woodley, deputy leader and cabinet member for transport, capital and inward investment said: "The Southend Pass is a great parking offer and will be a benefit to both Southend residents and, if agreed by Cabinet, people who visit our great Borough regularly.

"We believe that opening up the Pass to people who live outside of the Borough will encourage more use of local shops and our many attractions. The more people who have the chance to buy the Southend Pass means more potential visitors to boost the local economy.

"Even if someone uses the pass once a week, they will still see incredible benefits, with parking costing the equivalent of £2.12 for three hours in each zone. The Pass will be ideal for people who live across south Essex and want to visit all our Borough has to offer.

"If you want to stay longer than three hours, you will be able to top up at the end of your parking session using the app or on a parking machine.

"The Southend Pass will help encourage residents and visitors to explore the town, visiting different shops, restaurants, parks and open spaces across the Borough, increasing the spend in local shops and boosting the local economy.

"It is also worth highlighting that as part of our fees and charges, visitors staying overnight in our hotels or guest houses will also still be able to access a 50% reduction off of the daily charge where the hotel is situated through the MOBON app."

Anyone interested are asked to sign up to receive updates via email at [www.southend.gov.uk/SouthendPassSignUp](http://www.southend.gov.uk/SouthendPassSignUp) You will then receive notifications without any commitment to buy, closer to the time the pass launches. More information is available on our website: [www.southend.gov.uk/southendpass](http://www.southend.gov.uk/southendpass)

## **Stay safe, stay apart, stay local**

With the half term holidays fast approaching, the council is urging residents to follow national guidance and stay safe, stay apart and stay local as we continue to fight the Coronavirus pandemic.

With seafront car parks remaining closed at this time, the council is also reminding potential visitors not to visit to ensure the national rules are followed and to keep our residents safe.

A 'Stay Safe, Stay Apart, Stay Local' social media campaign will support these key messages throughout half-term.

National lockdown rules mean you must not leave your home unless you have a reasonable excuse, if you need to travel you should stay local and you should reduce the number of journeys you make overall, and so the council is continuing to ask visitors to avoid visiting the Borough at this time.

## **Waste collection update – collections continue but please bear with us**

Weekly waste collections in Southend-on-Sea are continuing despite the challenging weather conditions, but the council is informing residents to expect some delays.

The Borough has recently been covered in a blanket of snow and ice, and the council's waste and recycling partner, Veolia, have maintained all waste services despite the current situation. The gritting crews have been out twice daily since Saturday 6 February (morning and evening), gritting the priority roads in and around the Borough. These are the main routes used by vehicles, particularly the emergency services.

Whilst the gritting vehicles prioritise the main routes, some residential roads are challenging for the crews to visit on their rounds. With this in mind, residents are being asked to bear with the crews whilst they carry out this essential work, and to be assured that their waste and recycling continues to be collected.

Residents are reminded of the 122 grit bins which are situated across the Borough and are available for public use. Please only use what you need, and check in with any vulnerable neighbours who may need some assistance. A map of these bins can be found at: [www.southend.gov.uk/gritbins](http://www.southend.gov.uk/gritbins)

## **Possible Scams**

### **a) Blocking scam phone calls**

If the receivers have a screen and look at the callers number, they can refuse to answer the call OR if it is one that is a recorded message asking them to press a number on their keypad, they should hang up and if they then dial 1572 the number

will be blocked. The only trouble is they change the number each time they call so you have to be diligent and block them all. I hope you find this useful.

## **b) Parcel scam**

A member received this text on his phone a day or so ago.

+44753741655 (a foreign number)

RoyalMail. Hello (name) you missed your parcel, please approve the settlement of 2.99 (GBP) on the following URL: missed-parcels.co.

The member is not sure if you used the link whether it hacks your phone, calls a premium number or whatever. But this is not the Royal mail site and they would usually leave a card if you missed a delivery and if a payment is due you have to go to the sorting office in Southend.

Please be aware

## **c) National Crime Agency – National Insurance Number**

A member has received a called a call which is a recorded voice supposedly from the National Crime Agency about suspending your National Insurance Number and seizing assets. It asks to press 1 to speak to an agent. Please do not press anything and put the phone down.

## **A message from a member**

I had my jab at the Salvation Army at Shoebury and I tried to park at their car park but was told that it was for Blue badge only. The ASDA car park next door was available though and is pretty close so used I that with no problems.

## **Thank You**

On behalf of BERA and all of our members, we would like to say thank you to the staff and volunteers who are operating the vaccination centres in the borough.

We have heard and some of us have experienced such a great service and everyone involved, from the person at the gate directing traffic and people, through to the final check you are all doing a splendid job. Thank you.

## **Essex Police Fraud Alert System**

### **INSTAGRAM TRADERS — LIVING THEIR BEST LIFE, NOT THEIR REAL LIFE**

Since the beginning of the Coronavirus pandemic, people have increasingly turned to social media as a way of connecting with each other and filling their leisure time. This has resulted in a 50% increase per month in reports of Instagram fraud, with an average loss of £200,000.

### **MONEY FLIPPING SCAMS**

There are a wide variety of Instagram scams, but one of the most common is 'money flipping' investment scams. These scams often rely on profiles showing the extravagant lifestyles of those involved to encourage followers to get involved with their 'trading schemes'. Many of these images show the traders in exotic locations with luxury cars and boats—most of which have been rented purely for the photoshoot.

These schemes promise high returns for a low initial investment. When investors see their profits rise, they invest increasing amounts of money. However, when they try and withdraw money, they may be unable to do so, and before long, there will be no trace of the investments they have made.

## What can I do?

- Check if the firm is authorised - even if they say they are! If you use an unauthorised firm, you are unlikely to be able to get your money back if things go wrong.
- Get impartial advice – making an investment is a big financial decision! You should consider getting impartial financial advice from a regulated financial advisor or approved sites such as the Money Advice Service.
- If you're suspicious, report it – don't allow yourself to be pressured into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true, then it usually is! Allow yourself time to do all the research you need to do, and if you're still not sure then report to the FCA on 0800 111 6768 or at [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk).

## **A message from Thorpe Bay, Shoeburyness Tin Team**

A group of ladies in Leigh on Sea started this project and it is was adopted by us for Thorpe Bay and Shoeburyness and our doorstep food collection for local food banks is operated by us on a monthly basis.

We started collecting in December and have had a great response and we deliver leaflets the week before collection. Please see below.

**THORPE BAY  
TIN TEAM**

COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THOSE IN NEED  
DURING THE COVID - 19 CRISIS AND BEYOND.

Each month we are collecting tins and toiletries for our local food banks, homeless shelters and soup kitchens. If you would like to leave a donation outside your property, we would be very grateful.

**COLLECTION TIMES:**  
THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6PM.  
THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10AM.

**THORPE BAY  
TIN TEAM**

COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THOSE IN NEED  
DURING THE COVID - 19 CRISIS AND BEYOND.

**ITEMS REQUIRED:**

- TINNED MEAT
- BAKED BEANS
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED VEG
- ONE POT MEALS
- CUSTARD
- LONG LIFE MILK/JUICE
- TOILETRIES
- SANITARY PRODUCTS

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

We would like to thank the residents who have donated so far.

## **2) Temporary Road Closures**

### **a) Lucy Road, Southend-On-Sea – Emergency Sewer Repairs – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for 2 weeks**

To facilitate emergency sewer repairs; they have imposed a PROHIBITION OF ENTRY in LUCY ROAD, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Whilst this notice is in operation, all vehicles will be prohibited from: ENTERING LUCY ROAD, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on **8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**. It is anticipated that the works will last for **2 weeks**.

Whilst this section of Lucy Road is closed, an alternative route for traffic will be marked on site and resident's access will be maintained where possible.

### **b) The Broadway, Southend-On-Sea – Emergency Gas Repairs – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for 5 days**

To facilitate emergency gas repairs; they have imposed a PROHIBITION OF TAFFIC in THE BROADWAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Whilst this notice is in operation, all vehicles will be prohibited from: ENTERING & EXITING THE BROADWAY AT ITS JUNCTION WITH JOHNSTONE ROAD

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on **7<sup>th</sup> February 2021**. It is anticipated that the works will last for **5 days**.

Whilst this section of The Broadway is closed, an alternative route for traffic will be marked on site and resident's access will be maintained where possible.

### **c) Brunswick Road, Southend-On-Sea – Emergency Water Main Repairs - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for 1 week**

To facilitate emergency water repairs; they have imposed a PROHIBITION OF ENTRY in BRUNSWICK ROAD, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Whilst this notice is in operation, all vehicles will be prohibited from:

ENTERING BRUNSWICK ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH NORTHUMBERLAND CRESCENT TO ITS JUNCTION WITH AMBLESIDE DRIVE

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021. It is anticipated that the works will last for 1 week.



Whilst this section of Brunswick Road is closed, an alternative route for traffic will be marked on site and resident's access will be maintained where possible.

## CityFibre Works 15th Feb 2021

Please find below a list of the roads that CityFibre will be working in next week, weather permitting.

CF Permit Reference	Road Name	Scheduled start	Scheduled End Date
KG027SE-FFTH- PN038-21	Victoria Road	04/01/2021	17/02/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN081-02	Woodgrange Drive	18/01/2021	27/02/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN071-07	Burges Road	08/02/2021	08/03/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN028-20	Lifstan Way	11/02/2021	12/02/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN015-03	St. Augustines Avenue	15/02/2021	26/02/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN080-POL1	Northumberland Crescent	17/02/2021	19/02/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN080-11	Greenways	18/02/2021	24/02/2021

### **3) A127 Major Works (A127 & the Bell Junction)**

#### **A127 Bell Junction - 08th February - 14th February**

Due to the current weather conditions the works here have been suspended as it is unsafe under foot and for the plant equipment on the highway.

#### **A127 Essential Major Maintenance - 08th February - 14th February**

The closures for resurfacing works that were due to start this evening (8<sup>th</sup>) have also been suspended until the conditions improve.

At this time the weather forecasts are indicating that temperatures will not get above freezing for the next few days.

#### **Weekly Major Works**

Address	<b>Aylesbeare</b>
Start End	05/01/2021 09/020/2021 (date change)
Works Reference	AZ007-1000862794
L.A Ref	100371
Traffic Management	Some carriageway incursion

**Address** **Heycroft Road**  
**Start End** 05/01/2021 16/03/2021 (date changes)  
**Works Reference** AZ007-1000876043  
**L.A Ref** 101719  
**Traffic Management** Some carriageway incursion (T.M change)

**Address** **Burges Road**  
**Start End** 08/02/21 05/04/21  
**Works Reference** AZ007-1000994635  
**L.A Ref** 111895  
**Traffic Management** Road closure – delays likely

**Address** **Thorpe Hall Avenue**  
**Start End** 08/02/21 26/02/21  
**Works Reference** AZ007-1000994666  
**L.A Ref** 111900  
**Traffic Management** Road closure – delays likely

**Address** **Ambleside Drive**  
**Start End** 01/02/21 26/02/21  
**Works Reference** AZ007 - 1000997345  
**L.A Ref** 112130  
**Traffic Management** Multiway signals -delays likely

**Address** **Kilworth Avenue**  
**Start End** 01/02/21 26/02/21  
**Works Reference** AZ007 - 1000997347  
**L.A Ref** 112131  
**Traffic Management** Multiway signals – delays likely

**Address** **Anstey Close**  
**Start End** 08/02/21 08/03/21  
**Works Reference** AZ007 - 1001000085  
**L.A Ref** 112331  
**Traffic Management** Give & take – delays possible

**Address** **Thorpe Bay Gardens**  
**Start End** 08/02/21 24/03/21  
**Works Reference** AZ007 - 1001016165  
**L.A Ref** 113232  
**Traffic Management** Road closure – delays likely

Address **Scarborough Drive**  
Start End 08/02/21 12/02/21  
Works Reference AZ703 - 1000997019  
L.A Ref 112098  
Traffic Management Road closure – delays likely

Address **Lord Roberts Avenue**  
Start End 08/02/21 12/02/21  
Works Reference AZ703 - 1000997181  
L.A Ref 112108  
Traffic Management Give & take – delays possible

Address **Burges Road**  
Start End 10/02/21 12/02/21  
Works Reference EN014 – M14620  
L.A Ref 112662  
Traffic Management Road closure – delays likely

Address **Broadclyst Gardens**  
Start End 27/01/21 26/02/21  
Works Reference KG027–SE- FTTH-PN-29-07  
L.A Ref 113676  
Traffic Management Multiway signals – delays likely

Address **Little Thorpe**  
Start End 27/01/21 16/02/21  
Works Reference KG027-SE-FTTH-PN029-08  
L.A Ref 113372  
Traffic Management Give & take – delays possible

Address **Burges Road**  
Start End 08/02/21 08/03/21  
Works Reference KG027-SE-FTTH-PN071-07  
L.A Ref 112319  
Traffic Management Road closure – delays likely

#### **4) List of Applications Registered** **Week Ending 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Application Number: 21/00171/FULH  
Officer: Julie Ramsey

**Ward: Southchurch**

Raise ridge height and install dormers to side elevations to form habitable accommodation in the roof

**89 Broadclyst Gardens Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 21/00179/FULH

**Ward: Southchurch**

Officer: Kara Elliott

Demolish existing conservatory and erect single storey rear extension, alter rear elevation to form juliet balcony at rear first floor level and install retractable awning to rear

**84 Southchurch Boulevard Southend-On-Sea Essex**

Application Number: 21/00213/GPDE

**Ward: Southchurch**

Officer: Kara Elliott

Erect single storey rear extension, projecting 5.12m beyond the existing rear wall of the dwelling, 2.4m high to eaves and with a maximum height of 3.56m

**11 Barnstaple Close Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 21/00226/GPDE

**Ward: Southchurch**

Officer: Oliver Hart

Erect single storey rear extension, projecting 7.45m beyond the existing rear wall of the dwelling, 2.58m high to eaves and with a maximum height of 2.83m

**107 Southchurch Boulevard Southend-On-Sea Essex**

Application Number: 21/00115/FULH

**Ward: West Shoebury**

Officer: Kara Elliott

Erect single storey rear extension, install dormer to rear to form habitable accommodation in the roof

**17 Sedgemoor Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea**

Application Number: 21/00190/FULH

**Ward: West Shoebury**

Officer: Kara Elliott

Erect single storey side/front extension with porch to front and alter rear elevation

**122 Maplin Way Thorpe Bay Essex**

## **5) List of Decisions Issued** **Week Ending 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

APPLN. NO: 20/02094/CLP

**Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Robert Lilburn

HIPPED TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION WITH DORMER TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE (CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT - PROPOSED)

**73 RIVIERA DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

Decision: Refuse Lawful Development Certificate

APPLN. NO: 20/02120/FULH

**Ward. Thorpe**

Officer: Julie Ramsey

ERECT FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION  
**555 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**  
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/02125/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Julie Ramsey  
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND FORM PITCHED ROOF TO  
FRONT OF EXISTING GARAGE  
**25 TYRONE ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX**  
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/02134/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Oliver Hart  
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION  
**84 PARKANAUR AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX**  
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/02141/CLP **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Oliver Hart  
SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, DORMER TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE  
ACCOMMODATION IN ROOFSPACE, TWO OUTBUILDINGS TO REAR (LAWFUL  
DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)  
**183 MAPLIN WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX**  
Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 20/02143/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Oliver Hart  
HIP TO HALF HIP ROOF EXTENSION AND ERECT DORMERS TO FRONT AND  
REAR ELEVATIONS (AMENDED PROPOSAL)  
**134 PARKANAUR AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX**  
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00042/NON **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Oliver Hart  
REPLACE PLAN NUMBERS P201, P202B, P203C WITH 02,04A,05 AND 06A  
REDUCE SIZE OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND ALTER  
ELEVATIONS (NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO PLANNING PERMISSION  
DATED 18/01816/FULH DATED 5.12.18)  
**1 ELIZABETH ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**  
Decision: Allow Non Material Amendment

APPLN. NO: 20/01704/FUL **Ward. West Shoebury**  
Officer: Spyros Mouratidis  
ERECT SINGLE STOREY OFFICE BUILDING WITH ASSOCIATED CYCLE AND  
BIN STORAGE  
**REAR OF 101 NESS ROAD SHOEBURYNES**  
Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/02016/FUL **Ward. West Shoebury**  
Officer: Robert Lilburn

CHANGE OF USE FROM DWELLING (CLASS C3) TO CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME (CLASS C2) WITH ASSOCIATED INSTALLATION OF DECKING AREA TO REAR

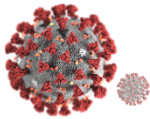
**90 CAULFIELD ROAD SHOEBURYNESS ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

Date Decision Issued: 4th February 2021

Decision Type: Development Control Committee DC Committee Date (if applicable): 3rd February 2021

## **6) Coronavirus Information**



### **All over-50s in UK to be offered vaccine by May**

All the over-50s should have been offered a coronavirus vaccine by May, Downing Street has confirmed. Health Secretary Matt Hancock said the Government was on track to vaccinate the first four priority groups by the middle of this month, which include the over-70s, frontline health and care workers and the clinically extremely vulnerable.

### **Vaccines at work for under-50s from spring**

The Government is considering plans to vaccinate millions of people aged under 50 at work in a bid to accelerate the national rollout from the spring. Under the plans, frontline emergency services, teachers, staff in homeless shelters and certain staff in local councils would be among the first to receive vaccines.

### **Vaccine priority for teachers and police**

Teachers and police are expected to be given priority for the COVID-19 vaccines once the over-50s have been offered their jabs, Whitehall sources say. The UK is on track to reach its target of offering those in the top four priority groups a vaccine by Monday, and next week the programme will begin working through five more cohorts, down to those over 50.

### **Autumn jab to ward off new strains of COVID-19**

Millions of people are likely to require a third vaccine dose this year as part of plans for booster jabs against new strains of COVID-19. NHS chiefs hope the extra doses can be given at the same time as winter flu jabs as a top-up campaign looks increasingly necessary.

### **Over-70s can contact NHS for vaccine**

People aged 70 or older in England who have not yet had their coronavirus vaccine but would like to are being asked to contact the NHS. A national booking system can be accessed online or people can call 119 free of charge, as Deputy Chief Medical Officer Prof Jonathan Van-Tam urged people to get the vaccine "without delay".

Latest government figures show 12,294,006 people have now had a first vaccine dose, a daily rise of 278,988, while a total of 512,581 second doses have been given, a daily increase of 862.

### **Public can have confidence in COVID-19 jabs – minister**

Nadhim Zahawi, the Vaccines Minister, says the public can have confidence in the UK's COVID-19 vaccines, despite concerns about the Oxford-AstraZeneca jab's effectiveness against the South Africa variant. Latest figures show more than 12 million people in the UK have now had at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine.

### **Coronavirus testing expanded to more workplaces in England**

Workplace coronavirus testing is being offered to more businesses in England, for staff unable to work from home during lockdown. The Government has announced that businesses with more than 50 employees are now able to access lateral flow tests, which can produce results in less than 30 minutes. Previously only firms with more than 250 staff qualified for testing.

### **Pubs and restaurants could reopen in April – with no alcohol**

Pubs and restaurants could open as soon as April if they agree not to sell alcohol under options reportedly being discussed to allow the widespread relaxation of coronavirus restrictions after Easter. A temporary "booze ban" is said to be among options being considered as part of the Government's roadmap for lifting lockdown, which will be unveiled on 22 February.

### **School day could be lengthened to help children catch up on lost studies**

The school day could be lengthened to help children catch up on their studies with charities and volunteers potentially helping to run out-of-hours classes and extra-curricular activities, under plans being considered by the Government on how best to address lost learning during lockdown.

### **School summer term may be extended due to pandemic**

Boris Johnson has not ruled out a shake-up of the school calendar as part of a "flat out" bid to help pupils catch up from missed classroom time. The Prime Minister said the Government's "single biggest priority" now was to overcome the loss of learning suffered by children during the coronavirus pandemic, amid reports that keeping schools in England open for two weeks longer in the summer is among the proposals being considered by ministers. Separately, the Education Recovery Commissioner Sir Kevan Collins said extra hours of academic learning will be needed to help England's pupils make up ground following the pandemic.

### **Two tests for all UK arrivals during quarantine**

All travellers entering the UK will be required to take two coronavirus tests while quarantining, in an attempt to prevent variants entering the country. Arrivals are expected to be required to get a test on days two and eight of their 10-day quarantine period. The Department of Health and Social Care said the move would

provide a "further level of protection", enabling authorities to track new cases more effectively.

## **Scientists label mutation found in Bristol as 'variant of concern'**

A virus threats advisory group has classed a mutation of the Kent COVID strain found in Bristol as a "variant of concern". There have been 14 cases in Bristol, four in Manchester, and three other scattered cases.

## **People may face 10 years in jail for COVID-19 travel breaches**

Stringent border controls including hotel quarantine and jail terms of up to 10 years for people who try to conceal their arrival from high-risk countries were announced yesterday by the Government. Anyone from 33 "red list" countries who lies about where they have travelled from will be prosecuted and face a maximum sentence of 10 years. Those who try to avoid quarantine could be fined £10,000.

## **Elderly warned not to travel for COVID-19 vaccine appointments due to treacherous snow**

Older people with vaccine appointments have been warned not to travel to appointments due to a "rash of snow showers" set to sweep the UK in the coming days. Age UK has urged people to look out for elderly relatives as temperatures remain low.

## **Amazon and online giants face tax raid on booming sales**

The Government plans to plug the black hole in Britain's finances and stem the collapse of the high street by introducing an online sale tax and an "excessive profits tax" on companies that have seen profits surge during the pandemic. The proposed "Amazon tax" would come as part of a reform of business rates, which have been suspended for many firms and are subject to a Treasury review.

## **Weekly Briefing on Local Decisions & Actions re Coronavirus outbreak 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

### **Key updates/actions**

\* Vaccination: With the vaccination roll-out underway, regular information is being updated on the EPUT<<https://eput.nhs.uk/news-events/coronavirus/coronavirus-vaccine/>> website. Figures are now also being reported by the national programme on a STP/ICS footprint – the latest weekly figures can be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>

\* Cliffs Pavilion vaccination centre: A large vaccination centre opened in Southend on Thursday. Read the media release on our website<<https://www.southend.gov.uk/news/article/2167/six-new-vaccination-centres-open-in-essex-and-suffolk-in-latest-nhs-drive-to-accelerate-jobs>>. Two hours free parking is available for those using the site. Read our media release.<<https://www.southend.gov.uk/news/article/2168/free-parking-for-vaccination-centre-visitors>>



\* COVID-19 testing: Due to the amber snow weather warning in place, the three rapid test sites at University Square, St Aidan's Church and Shoebury youth centre - which are for people to get tested without symptoms - will be closed on Sunday 7 February. The small number of people who had appointments booked on Sunday are being offered appointments tomorrow (Saturday 6th February) or from Tuesday 9th February, with the situation for Monday 8th being kept under review. We remain in contact with the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) who operate the nationally booked PCR testing sites at Elm Road, Short Street, Southend Airport and Hamlet Court Road, and which are aimed at people with symptoms, and will update as and when we have any information on those sites, along with updating our website.

\* Once the weather improves next week, please continue to support and promote the various testing options available across the Borough to your local residents. Testing is key to stop the spread and identify cases.

Testing options includes three rapid testing LFD sites available across the Borough which are now available for both walk-ups and appointments. Full details of all the booking options are available at [www.southend.gov.uk/gettested](http://www.southend.gov.uk/gettested) and see campaign graphic attached for use.

\* Quarantine: From 15 February anyone travelling to the UK from a country on the UK's travel ban list will be required to quarantine in a Government-approved facility for 10 days. Read the update on GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-confirms-mandatory-hotel-quarantine-to-be-introduced-from-15-february>.

\* COVID conversations: A number of online 'COVID conversations' are taking place in February aimed at updating and informing the local community about COVID. Krishna Ramkhelawon, the Council's Director of Public Health in Southend will be at each session, as well as colleagues from the Council, health partners from the NHS, and voluntary sector colleagues. Upcoming sessions - please book at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/savs-sbc-and-southend-ccg-30731728714>

\* Coronavirus case data: This is published on our website <https://www.southend.gov.uk/health-wellbeing/test-trace/6?documentId=1014&categoryId=200233> and now also includes the daily 7 day rate of positive cases per 100,000.

\* 7-day rate of positive cases as of 5 February is 245.2 per 100,000 (down from 436.3 per 100,000 on 29 January). The rate in the 60 and over age bracket is 241.8 per 100,000, down from 395.7 per 100,000 on 29 January.

\* ONS death data: Southend-on-Sea residents' deaths registered inside and outside of Southend-on-Sea with any mention of COVID-19 on the death certificate that occurred up to 22 January 2021 but were registered up to 30 January 2021: 508 (+51).

\* National and local data: A link to the national NHS

Digital<<https://digital.nhs.uk/dashboards/progression>> information shows information by time intervals (for example, 3-days, 7-days, 30-days, etc), as well as the total numbers and requests or referrals to NHS 111.

## Other

- Members of the public who need to self-isolate but are stuck and have no local support from friends and family can call the helpline on 01702 212497. A full list of support contact numbers is available on the corporate website<<https://www.southend.gov.uk/health-wellbeing/coronavirus/10>>

- Out of hours:

Urgent issues arising out of hours should be reported to the out of hours service in accordance with standard practice.

The phone number is 01702 215000.

The out of hours service will then contact the relevant Council officer who is on-call or the relevant contractor such as Veolia. They also have access to the town link radio and CCTV.

## **Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

This evening's press statement by the Health Secretary outlined the following information:

### **On vaccines:**

It has been 2 months since the first UK vaccination.

Almost 1 in 4 adults in the UK have received at least one vaccine dose.

Vaccine take up is greater than the expected 75%, it has been 91-95%.

We are set to have vaccinated groups 1-4 by February 15. Will then move onto next groups.

Those aged 70+ should contact the NHS, if vaccinations are not booked.

We may need annual or bi-annual vaccine boosters in future.

After the first 1-9 groups, decisions will be made on the order for some professions to receive the vaccine.

### **On testing and hospitalisations:**

More are hospitalised now than during April or November peaks.

4.5m tests are being carried out per week.

NHS test and trace is reaching 97% of contacts.

Workplace testing is announced for all businesses with over 50 staff.

## **DfE has published:**

New funding will go to universities to help students facing financial difficulties arising from the impact of coronavirus.

## **Department of Health and Social Care has published:**

Updated information for people who are caring, unpaid, for friends or family. Updated the personal protective equipment (PPE) section with guidance about recommended PPE for unpaid carers who do not live with the person or people they care for.

New additional testing made available to control and suppress the spread of coronavirus variants.

New government drive to increase workplace testing in sectors open during lockdown, to detect in people who are not showing symptoms.

## **Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

### **Secretary of State for Health and Social State to Parliament:**

47% decrease in the last two weeks in number of cases

Vaccination programme: 91.4% of aged 80+, 95.9% aged 75-79, 77.2% aged 70-74, 93.5% of eligible care home residents

### **Strategy to tackle new variant:**

- 1: Reduce number of domestic cases
- 2: Enhanced contact tracing, surge testing and genomic sequencing where new variant has been found (Bristol, Liverpool, Manchester, Lambeth)
- 3: Continued work on Vaccine
- 4: Health protection at the border

### **Border changes:** Three part system to international travel from 15 February

1: Hotel Quarantine – 10 Day assigned hotel quarantine from red list countries costing £1,750 to be booked prior to travel and home quarantine for all passengers from any other countries

2: Testing – pre-departure test and by law require PCR tests on day 2 and day 8 of quarantine, if test comes back positive, individuals must quarantine for a further 10 days from the date of the test

3: Enforcement:

£1,000 fine for international travel failing to take mandatory test

£2,000 fine for international travel failing to take second mandatory test and extending quarantine period to 14 days

£5,000 fixed penalty notice rising to £10,000 for arrivals who fail to quarantine in designated hotel.

Prison sentence if passengers lie or conceal they have been to red list country in the 10 days before arrival

## **Department for Health and Social Care**

Announced short term paid work in adult social care. Individuals can register interest online and local council or social care provider will get in contact with applicants directly. A Press release has also been published to encourage the public to join the scheme.

Announced free PPE for unpaid carers under new national scheme to last until at least end of June 2021

Published data COVID app alerts 1.7m contact to stop spread

Updated guidance to include new guidance on travel legislation from 15 February

## **Public Health England**

Published guidance for COVID vaccine: Sign Language Resource

## **Department for Education**

Published guidance to support exams and scheduled assessments in February and March

## **HM Revenues and Customs**

Updated guidance on how to join new VAT deferral payment scheme (online scheme is open between 23.02.21-21.06.21)

## **Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

### **The PM led today's Downing Street COVID-19 briefing:**

- More than 13m have now received their first vaccine dose. 1 in 4 UK adults.
- Over 70s are asked to contact the NHS, if not yet contacted.
- Roadmap details are to be released in the next two weeks.
- Hopes to vaccinate cohorts 1-9 by end of April - Those 50+ plus those in at-risk groups.
- Positive cases are coming down, yet remain high (13,013 today).
- Hospitalisations remain above first peak numbers, but are reducing.
- WHO approve Ox/Az vaccine for all adult age groups, and at 12 weeks apart.

## **DoHSC**

- New Guidance on surge testing for new coronavirus variants is published. It explains How 'surge testing' and genomic sequencing is being used in locations where variants have been identified.
- Testing guidance is updated to include getting instructions on home tests for the blind or visually impaired, and changed the length of time for lateral flow test results (from 2 hours to 30 minutes).
- Guidance for coming to the UK for seasonal agricultural work on English farms is updated with a link to the countries from which travel to the UK is banned.
- In a press release, rapid, regular testing for people without symptoms is now being offered by more than 70% of local authorities in England, through targeted community programmes.

## **PHE**

- A statement is released on a Variant of Concern and new Variant Under Investigation.
- New social media materials are available. These materials include messages around:
  - o South African variant surge testing
  - o Other variant surge testing
  - o Community testing
  - o Stay Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives
  - o Ports of entry and exit

## **DfE**

- Guidance on exams is updated to include information on scheduled assessments in February and March. Exams should only go ahead where they examine occupational or professional competency.
- Schools will continue to receive their expected funding for benefits-related free school meals and universal infant free school meals during the national lockdown.

## **Cabinet Office**

- On February 8, a Written Ministerial Statement was published on plans to proceed with the local elections on 6 May 2021.
  - o A delivery plan is available for the elections addressing: public health and social distancing; nominations and campaigning; voting; and the delivery of elections.
  - o An estimated £92m funding will be provided to councils for the elections. Of this, £31m is an uplift to directly address costs associated with making the elections COVID-secure.

**Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021****Elections**

Ministers have written to returning officers today outlining governments expectation in terms of schools being used as polling stations for the May elections.

Where possible schools should be avoided and on what basis children should and should not attend on that day

**Health**

A Health and Care White Paper has been published today, and sets out the Government's proposals for legislation that they believe will help local health and care systems deliver quality care to their local communities, in a way that is more joined up, and more accountable. The proposals build on the joint working in responding to the coronavirus outbreak and builds on the NHS's recommendations from the Long-Term Plan for the NHS.

DHSC has provided clarification that 'funeral operatives' are to be prioritised for vaccination in line with advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation.

The LGA is hosting a free vaccinations webinar on equalities at 10.30am on 25th Feb and will focus on engaging with communities.

Guidance has been updated to advise the public to get a test for coronavirus if you do not have symptoms.

New guidance has been published on how to quarantine when you arrive in England.

From 15 February onwards, everyone allowed to enter England from outside the Common Travel Area must:

quarantine for ten days

take a coronavirus test on day two and day eight of quarantining

follow the national lockdown rules

Whilst not directly related to Covid-19, a key announcement yesterday:

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, confirmed the local government finance settlement for next year with councils across England to share £51.3 billion. This represents a £2.3 billion increase on this year – including access to an extra £1 billion for social care to help support vulnerable adults and children.

MHCLG has also published a consultation on the Future of the New Homes Bonus. This consultation seeks views on the future of the bonus from 2022/23 and closes at 11.45pm on 7 April 2021.

Settlement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/final-local-government-finance-settlement-england-2021-to-2022>

Consultation: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-future-of-the-new-homes-bonus-consultation>

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