

E-Newsletter – 9th December 2022

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Spread it, Sign it, Stop it

Following on from today's letter, please see below some of the comments that I have received from residents regarding the truck movements. Please do not forget to sign the ePetition at <https://democracy.southend.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=69f> before the 31st January 2023.

'I am absolutely amazed at the decision to allow such a massive movement of vehicles and related waste / spoil along our already crumbling roads. The pollution in a residential area which includes schools is also unacceptable'

'In looking at the situation why cannot they barge the loads to the barge pier. This pier is right next to the site'

'Thank you for speaking against the application on behalf of residents. It looks like the implications for this area will be massive'

'I have another more important issue for residents in Thorpe Hall and surrounds and that's the impact from constant ground vibration that over a 2.5 year period will cause wall cracking and roof tile loosening. A petition needs to be supported by all Thorpe and Southchurch residents to stop this madness'

'I share your concern at this decision and even more at the building of yet more houses without any corresponding improvement to local infrastructure such as road improvement in what is becoming an over developed and under resourced/serviced part of the City'

'Well, it sounds quite dreadful. We can't believe that councillors have voted for such a dreadful plan. Please accept our thanks for voting against it'

'That drainage system at the junction of Thorpe Hall Avenue and Eastern Avenue which has frequently failed over the last several years will not cope with heavy trucks traversing that corner'.

'I had to pinch myself that this was not an April Fool's joke. The level of damage to local roads built for domestic traffic will be considerable - who will pay? The increase in hazard on local roads will be significant and it's a pipe dream to think that lorries will run separately at 5 min intervals, there will surely be many instances of a convoy of lorries. I cannot believe that Councillors have approved this - they obviously have no regard to the residents affected by this. And thank you for being the only councillor who cares'

'I totally agree with your comment in today's Echo regarding the proposals as being "ridiculous".

'We very much support your objection to this outrageous proposal. Could more use be made of the Estuary to transport this material to avoid clogging up the roads? Good luck with your battle. More power to your elbow!'

'We are absolutely horrified at the suggestion of the movement of fill and surcharge material through Thorpe Bay'

'The thought of these heavy diesel lorries driving up and down Thorpe Hall Avenue, undoubtedly knocking branches of the trees as they go, is quite abhorrent. This is still one of the greener parts of the town, and should be preserved as such'

'Heavy duty lorries will create dust, dirt and mayhem as they trundle along our roads, to say nothing of the damage their weight will do to the already poor condition of the road surface particularly in Thorpe Hall Avenue'

'I am against this proposal in its present form. I have tonight driven down the A127 and I cannot see how the lorries will avoid bunching up almost ending up nose to tail. Also, the state of the running surface of Thorpe Hall Avenue is awful - what would all these additional lorries do to it!! The spoil if it must come, should come by barge (as happened to Wallasey Island) or by rail. This would help the environment that we are supposed to protect. Thanks again for all your efforts'

'Why not transport all this material by sea - to the Barge Pier? This enables larger quantities to arrive in batches, closer to site, and when the tide is out there would be a "rest" time to distribute material as needed. Flat bottom barges either side of the pier, vehicles ready to take it away'

'It appears developers plan to pump water out while they build. Where will it be pumped to? Apparently, it's OK to pump all this bad drainage out into the surrounding areas. Are they kidding? Surely, it's criminal to deliberately flood other people's property. Is our council saying it's OK to flood our public parks? These roads all have major sewerage drains only feet under the surface and it's well known how poorly these drains perform already. This sort of Over-Load would be forbidden on any privately run car-park simply because of the damage the excess weight would cause to underground systems'

'Why are all the other members of the planning committee voting in favour of this horrific unworkable plan? Is there something we don't know?'

'We thoroughly agree with all that you have said in your letter. From my point of view we should be working with nature here, not against it. An ideal place for a marina, I would say'

'What part of the phrase "Flood Plain" is not understood by the council. Surely it is obvious that to build on a flood plain is irresponsible and clearly ill advised. Would any councillors want their family living in property clearly at risk of flooding with all the risks and distress that would bring'

'The disruption to this whole area is totally unacceptable. The local roads will become hazardous with frequent large lorries trundling through the area day after day. Accidents will be much more likely and I would think more serious due to the volume and frequency of this unwanted and unnecessary traffic. There will also surely be significant damage to all the roads used for the transfer of this material. Totally unacceptable and appalling that councillors have voted for this to proceed - they should be ashamed of themselves. Their job is to look after the electorate and to protect them and the area in which they live'

'We are at a loss to understand why the council could even consider this. The speed, noise and amount of traffic is bad enough, it's become a 24/7 racetrack, cars backfiring, motor bikes with noisy exhausts.... without all the lorries and the pollution and damage to the area this proposal will bring. Obviously, anyone in favour of this doesn't live on the route - we appreciate housing is important but it seems excessive to proceed with all this entails for just 172 homes, surely there is a better way without impacting the environment'

'What chance would there be now of anyone on the route selling their house during this period - a few months would have been bad enough but two and half years!!??'

*'I want to remind the Council that the CROSSRAIL project in London moved ALL the earth and infill from London Underground tunnels by SEA distributing it into the newly created Wetlands on the Rover Crouch. If this horrific idea is to go ahead, then the **Developers MUST FOOT THE BILL** and arrange transportation of land infill BY SEA to the existing Barge Pier. This pier is **NOT unsound**, although it is unsafe for swimmers to jump in owing to unknown depths of water. There are no visible indications of weakness in the structure. If the developers claim there is risk of structural unsoundness, then they should put it right!'*

1) Information Corner



BERA Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 15th December** at **10.00am to midday** at **Thorpe Bay Methodist Church** (corner of The Broadway and Johnstone Road). We will be bringing along panic and personal alarms, contactless debit card blocking pouches, no cold caller stickers and the car key signal blocking pouches, which are free to members.

All welcome to come for a chat, tea and cake and bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you.

2) National Corner

Pharmacists may provide additional support to NHS over strike

Pharmacists could be bought in to ease pressure on the NHS during strike periods, it has been reported. Chemists could be allowed to diagnose patients with minor conditions and prescribe antibiotics to try to reduce demand for GP appointments and cut backlogs.

Criticism of Christmas sales of e-scooters

Police have criticised the Christmas sale of e-scooters which are banned on UK roads as 'irresponsibly'. Privately owned e-scooters outside of a local authority hire scheme are currently banned.

Mid-life health checks go digital

Face-to-face GP appointments for mid-life health checks will end and be moved online under government plans to ease pressure on the NHS. Patients will instead be asked to complete a questionnaire, use a kit to take a blood sample at home and go to a pharmacy for a blood pressure check. A pilot scheme starts in Cornwall today (5th) with ministers hoping to introduce the approach nationwide.

Further train strikes announced

Extra rail strikes, including one on Christmas Eve have been scheduled over the

festive period. Staff at Network Rail are expected to walk out from 6pm on 24 December until 27 December.

Temperatures below freezing due

With overnight temperatures expected to fall to -6C (21F) in places this week the Met Office has issued warnings of severe cold weather. Frost and ice are expected and people are being urged to use their heating and to look out for people who are especially vulnerable.

Flexible working to be offered from day one

New government proposals mean employees will be given the right to ask for flexible working from their first day at a new job. The current laws says that workers have to wait for 26 weeks to seek flexible arrangements.

Parking charges increase

At least 16 local authorities across England have raised their car parking fees in the last two months or plan to do so, it is reported.

Antibiotics could be given to children at schools affected by Strep A

Antibiotics could be given to children at schools affected by Strep A to stop the spread of the infection, Schools Minister Nick Gibb has said. Mr Gibb said that the UK Health and Security Agency is "working closely with the schools involved and giving very specific advice to those schools which may involve the use of penicillin", after the ninth death of a child from the infection.

Ambulance staff to strike on 21 December

Ambulance staff across most of England and Wales will go on strike on 21 December in a dispute over pay. The coordinated walkout by the three main ambulance unions - Unison, GMB and Unite - will affect non-life threatening calls only, but it could mean people who have had trips and falls not being responded to.

'Fewer than a quarter' can comfortably afford Christmas and more are turning to credit

The proportion of those who say they can easily afford Christmas this year has nearly halved, according to a debt charity which is warning that more people are turning to credit. StepChange said fewer than a quarter (24 per cent) of people were in a comfortable financial position heading into the festive season, compared with nearly half (45 per cent) in 2021, which its report said reflected the surge in the cost of living this year.

Strep A antibiotics shortages

Some local pharmacies in England could see shortages of antibiotics used to treat Strep A infections, according to David Webb, England's chief pharmaceutical officer. Mr Webb said that while some pharmacies may struggle, there were "sufficient" stocks on a national level.

3) Crime Report 28th November – 4th December 2022

Ward **Southchurch**
Crime Reference Number 42/289420/22
Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Dwelling
Reported Date and Time 28/11/2022 12:20
Committed Date (From) 17/11/2022
Street partial postcode **SURBITON AVENUE SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED THE VICTIMS PROPERTY ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS OVER THE LAST THREE WEEKS. SUSPECT HAS ENTERED THE VICTIMS PROPERTY WITH A KEY TO THE FLAT.

Ward **Southchurch**
Crime Reference Number 42/290755/22
Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 30/11/2022 10:05
Committed Date (From) 30/11/2022 06:00
Street partial postcode **SHERWOOD WAY SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN ORANGE FORD FIESTA ST, INDEX AF14YTN, FROM FRONT DRIVE. CAR HAS BEEN STOLEN WITHOUT KEYS.

Ward **Southchurch**
Crime Reference Number 42/290838/22
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 30/11/2022 13:24
Committed Date (From) 28/11/2022 20:00
Street partial postcode **NEWINGTON AVENUE SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS THROWN EGGS AT THE VICTIMS PROPERTY AND THE PASSENGER DOOR OF VICTIMS VEHICLE, BEIGE RENAULT MEGANE, CAUSING DAMAGE TO AN UNKNOWN VALUE.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/289486/22
Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling
Reported Date and Time 28/11/2022 13:11
Committed Date (From) 27/11/2022 21:00
Street partial postcode **CAPADOCIA STREET SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN INTO VICTIMS UNSECURED GARDEN SHED AND CONDUCTED A TIDY SEARCH. SUSPECT HAS STOLEN AN ELECTRIC PEDAL CYCLE AND TWO SPARE CYCLE WHEELS BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/289501/22

Offence Description Attempted Burglary - Business And Community
Reported Date and Time 28/11/2022 13:40
Committed Date (From) 25/11/2022
Street partial postcode **THORPE ESPLANADE SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS BEACH HUT BY USING A CROWBAR TO OPEN THE OUTER DOOR, CAUSING DAMAGE. NO ENTRY WAS MADE DUE TO AN INNER DOOR.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/290087/22
Offence Description Burglary - Business And Community
Reported Date and Time 28/11/2022 17:00
Committed Date (From) 26/11/2022
Street partial postcode **THORPE ESPLANADE SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE FORCED ENTRY TO BEACH HUT BY CUTTING THE DEADBOLT, CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE DOOR AND DOOR FRAME AND REMOVED A DAB RADIO WHICH WAS RECOVERED IN ANOTHER BEACH HUT.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/291047/22
Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
Reported Date and Time 30/11/2022 16:51
Committed Date (From) 29/11/2022 18:40
Street partial postcode **NORTHUMBERLAND CRESCENT SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED A PARCEL FROM OUTSIDE THE VICTIMS NEIGHBOURS PROPERTY, CONTAINING A BODYSHOP ADVENT CALENDAR VALUE GBP 108.00.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/291788/22
Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling
Reported Date and Time 01/12/2022 16:21
Committed Date (From) 25/11/2022
Street partial postcode **THORPE ESPLANADE SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS BEACH HUT AND REMOVED ITEMS FROM WITHIN.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/289559/22
Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Dwelling
Reported Date and Time 28/11/2022 14:33
Committed Date (From) 24/11/2022 11:00
Street partial postcode **THORPEDENE GARDENS SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN INTO THE VICTIMS PROPERTY BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND HAS STOLEN HER BAG, CAR KEYS, NHS ID CARDS AND 50GBP IN CASH. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT STOLEN.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/291548/22
 Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 01/12/2022 02:29
 Committed Date (From) 01/12/2022 02:00
 Street partial postcode **FREMANTLE SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED VW PASSAT BY THE PASSENGER DOOR AND REMOVED A BLACK LEATHER BAG CONTAINING £40-£50 CASH.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/292076/22
 Offence Description Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)
 Reported Date and Time 02/12/2022 09:09
 Committed Date (From) 01/12/2022 21:00
 Street partial postcode **AVON WAY SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS THROWN AN UNKNOWN ITEM AT A WINDOW OF THE VICTIMS HOME CAUSING THE GLASS TO SMASH.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 9th December 2022

Application Number: 22/02313/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**
 Officer: Hayley Thompson
 Hipped to gable roof extension, install dormer to rear with juliette balcony to form habitable accommodation in loftspace, erect single storey rear extension (Part-Retrospective)
60 Poynings Avenue Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 22/02288/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: James Benn
 Erect glass roof canopy to rear
18 Dungannon Drive Thorpe Bay Essex

Prior Notifications

The application(s) below are for prior approval of details submitted pursuant to exercising permitted development rights granted by the General Permitted Development Order 1995. If further information is required please contact the case officer for an explanation or clarification.

Application Number: 22/02110/PA64 **Ward: Southchurch**
 Officer: Scott Davison
 Change of use of ground floor shop (Class E) and first floor maisonette to one dwellinghouse (Class C3) and alter front elevation (Prior Approval)
44 Barnstaple Road Thorpe Bay Essex

5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 4th December 2022

APPLN. NO: 22/01842/FUL **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Scott Davison
ALTER SHOPFRONT
817 SOUTHCHURCH ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01843/ADV **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Scott Davison
INSTALL ONE INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED FACIA SIGN TO SHOPFRONT
817 SOUTHCHURCH ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Grant Advertisement Consent

APPLN. NO: 22/01857/PA3COU **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Scott Davison
CHANGE OF USE OF FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS FROM COMMERCIAL (CLASS E) TO 1NO. DWELLING (CLASS C3), LAYOUT PARKING AND BIN STORE TO REAR (PRIOR APPROVAL)
817 SOUTHCHURCH ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: COU Prior App Granted

APPLN. NO: 22/02170/CLP **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Gabriella Fairley
SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION (CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT - PROPOSED)
116 BARNSTAPLE ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 22/01920/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: James Benn
ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS, DORMERS TO SIDE AND REAR WITH BALCONY TO REAR ELEVATION TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ROOF, INSTALL ROOFLIGHTS TO FRONT AND ALTERATIONS TO SIDE ELEVATION (PART-RETROSPECTIVE)
130 MARCUS AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01921/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: James Benn
ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS, DORMER TO REAR WITH BALCONY TO REAR ELEVATION TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ROOF INSTALL ROOFLIGHT TO FRONT AND ALTERATIONS TO SIDE ELEVATION (PART-RETROSPECTIVE)
130 MARCUS AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01976/BC3

Officer: Oliver Hart

INSTALL PERMANENT SCULPTURE COMPRISING OF A BRICK COLUMN SCULPTURE (B) AS PART OF THE "MADE FROM THIS LAND" SCULPTURE TRAIL (SITE 4)

**PAVEMENT JUNCTION AT LYNTON ROAD WITH THORPE ESPLANADE
THORPE BAY**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

Date Decision Issued: 1st December 2022

Decision Type: Development Control Committee

DC Committee Date (if applicable): 30th November 2022

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