

Dear Member

Once again, Sara and I would like to say thank you for all of your get well wishes. Both of our recovery has gone well and Sara is now back on board. Please see today's update, along with other information that is happening in our area which also covers the past few weeks, so there is lots for you to read through.

We will endeavour to send out the next e-newsletter on Friday/Saturday.

Keep well,

Regards

Ron

Weekly Briefing for Councillors on Local Decisions & Actions re Coronavirus outbreak - 21 August 2020

Key updates/actions

- **New local Coronavirus testing site opened:**

The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) has opened a walk-through testing site in Short Street, central Southend-on-Sea. Appointments can be booked for those with **symptoms, no matter how mild** by calling 119 or visiting www.nhs.uk/coronavirus
Read more: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/news/article/2001/get-tested-at-new-coronavirus-testing-site-in-southend-on-sea>

- **National and local data:**

Please visit the test and trace section of our website for the latest national and local data: www.southend.gov.uk/testandtrace
A link to the national [NHS Digital](https://www.nhs.uk/nhsdigital) 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.

- **Eligibility for discretionary business grant scheme widened:**

A further group of businesses can now apply for £2,500 of funding aimed at helping those whose finances have been badly hit by the coronavirus pandemic.

Please encourage small and micro businesses to check their eligibility and apply online at

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/businesscorona>

The application period will close at midnight on 28 August 2020 as all payments must be made by the closure of the national business grant scheme on 28 September 2020.

So far, we have received 404 applications for phase one of the scheme, with 19 of those requiring further information. We have paid out £375,000 to 126 businesses. We have received 21 applications for phase two, with 5 outstanding.

- **Retail, hospitality and leisure and small business grants:**

We have now paid out £37.2m to 3061 businesses.

- **Funding support for Fusion Lifestyle:**

A funding support package for Fusion has been agreed and will enable Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre to reopen on 1 September for health and fitness and 4 September for swimming.

Read more: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/news/article/2006/leisure-centre-to-reopen-and-provide-welcome-wellbeing-boost>

Other

- **Out of hours:**

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.

- Please continue to visit and promote www.southend.gov.uk/coronavirus to local people.
- Please encourage local people to sign up for [regular e-newsletters on Coronavirus:](#)

Please follow our social media accounts and share our Coronavirus related content.

Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 24/08/2020

The Department for Education

- [An early years catch-up programme](#) was announced today. It focuses on raising outcomes among young pupils whose education has been disrupted at a crucial time. Every state funded school which has a reception class will be invited to apply, with priority given to schools with a high proportion of disadvantaged pupils.

Home Office

- In [an announcement on 23 August](#), it becomes a new criminal offence for people organising or facilitating unlawful from Friday 28 August 2020.

MHCLG

- [In a press release on 21 August](#), the ban on evictions has been extended by 4 weeks. 6 month notice periods by landlords are also to be in place until at least March 2021.
- Guidance for local councils during the outbreak has been updated today, to include links to:
 - [Announcement: The launch of NHS Test and Trace app](#);
 - [Announcement: Stronger enforcement measures as easements resume](#);
 - [Guidance: Transport demand management toolkit](#);
 - [Research: Local authority COVID-19 financial impact monitoring information](#).

Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

- [Funding streams available through the Culture Recovery Fund](#) have been announced in new guidance. A £1.5bn fund will support the UK's performing arts, heritage sites, independent cinemas, music venues and museums.

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency

- On 22 August, the DVSA [set out what it's doing to improve the driving test booking service](#), following unprecedented demand.

Department of Health and Social Care

- New guidance announced 21 August. The [Hospital discharge service: policy and operating model](#) replaces the hospital discharge service requirements issued on 19 March 2020 to support the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [In a press release](#) on 21 August, a £588m fund was announced to cover adult social care or the immediate costs of care in own homes for people needing additional follow-on care after hospitalisation.
- On 23 August, [a consensus statement](#) was published on the current evidence of risks and benefits to health from schools and childcare settings reopening.

- On 22-23 August, guidance was issued for local lockdown areas. This includes: [Leicester](#), [Northampton](#), parts of the [North West](#), and parts of [Blackburn, Oldham and Pendle](#).
- The [NHS Test and Trace service overview](#) was updated on 21 August. It now links to a customer logging toolkit for businesses / organisations advised to collect details on entry.

Public Health England

- [A PHE study](#) has found 67 COVID-19 cases in England's schools in June. These cases occurred from 30 outbreaks in 0.01% of open educational settings.

1) Information Corner

Launch of the Tree Policy Consultation

The draft updated tree policy is now available for review and comment. The consultation goes live today (14th) and is available at <https://yoursay.southend.gov.uk/tree-policy-consultation> and will run until the 9th October 2020.

The draft document describes the current tree canopy cover in Southend and how Council managed trees will be inspected and maintained over the coming years. It also sets out how and why trees are pruned, the circumstances when they will not be pruned and the reasons why trees unfortunately sometimes have to be removed.

Maintaining and enhancing the tree canopy cover in the borough is an essential consideration in the document, and the approach to ongoing tree planting is also set out.

Warning over 'dangerous fake' anti-anxiety drugs

There is concern about a rising number of "dangerous fake" illicit drugs being sold as benzodiazepines, Public Health England has said. Experts say despite warnings, illegal use of fake pills among young people appears to be growing, with reports of children as young as 11 being treated for abusing a painkiller similar to Xanax.

Dangerous chemicals found in kids' toys and household products, tests reveal

Hundreds of counterfeit children's toys, cosmetics and household products were found to contain dangerous chemicals in the past three years, an investigation by Unchecked UK revealed. The campaign group submitted Freedom of Information requests to councils and found that 87 out of 178 councils took no samples over the last three years. Of those that carried out

tests, 3,027 products were analysed for hazardous chemicals including lead, arsenic and mercury.

Fines up to £10,000 for organisers of raves

Fines of up to £10,000 for those organising illegal raves in England will come into effect on Friday, ahead of the August bank holiday weekend, the Prime Minister has announced. It comes as police have been increasingly called out to illegal parties and raves in recent weeks, including over the weekend, with police officers disturbing 70 unlicensed street and house parties in Birmingham.

Coronavirus linked to type-1 diabetes in children following cluster of new cases

Scientists have warned that Covid-19 could cause type-1 diabetes in children, following a rise in new cases at the height of the pandemic. Hospitals in north-west London recorded more than twice the number of new-onset patients they would normally have expected, with the majority arriving in a serious state, according to researchers from Imperial College London.

Wear facemask or you could be fined £3,200, public warned

Fines of up to £3,200 for failure to wear a facemask will be introduced to deter risky behaviour, while on-the-spot penalties of up to £10,000 will also be levied on the organisers of illegal parties, the Government has announced. It comes as the Prime Minister announced the further relaxation of restrictions in England from Saturday (15th), including in theatres, small wedding receptions and sport venues.

3.4m people in England have had COVID-19

Some 3.4 million people in England have been infected with COVID-19, a figure far higher than previously estimated, a study by Imperial College London suggests. The figure is many times higher than the tally of known cases for the entire UK as posted by John Hopkins University in the US – whose aggregated numbers have become the main reference for monitoring the disease – and which listed the country's case numbers at 315,546 as of Thursday (13th) morning.

England's COVID contact-tracing app will reach 70% of those at risk

The re-designed NHS contact-tracing app, which begins trials in the Isle of Wight, will correctly identify seven out of 10 people who spend more than 15 minutes within two metres of another app user who has tested positive for coronavirus and warn them to self-isolate.

Unauthorised camping and littering in Britain's beauty spots increase

Unauthorised camping and littering in Britain's national parks has increased

significantly this summer as more people seeking 'staycation' summer holidays are finding camping sites full, according to the National Parks Authority and the National Trust. The effect is similar to fly-tipping and has now become known as 'fly-camping'.

UK records highest daily number of cases for nearly two months

The UK has recorded the highest number of daily coronavirus cases in nearly two months. In the 24 hours up to 9am on Tuesday 11th, a further 1,148 confirmed coronavirus cases were reported, the highest number since 1,221 new cases were announced on 21 June. Meanwhile, it is reported that three different daily coronavirus death tolls are to be published after a compromise between ministers and scientists, with the one favoured by ministers likely to show a big reduction in daily deaths, bringing it close to single figures rather than the dozens usually reported on weekdays.

More than 1,000 cases recorded in UK for fifth day in a row

The UK has seen a spike in coronavirus cases for the fifth day running. Latest figures show there were 1,012 lab-confirmed cases of coronavirus on Saturday (15th), down from Friday's figure of 1,441, which was the highest daily rise for two months, but marks the fifth day in a row that more than 1,000 new cases have been recorded.

Local lockdowns and home working 'more popular'

The public's appetite for local lockdowns and working from home if a coronavirus vaccine cannot be found appears to be growing, research suggests. A King's College London survey reveals that 87 per cent of people questioned said that they would accept local lockdowns being imposed in the future, with 85 per cent saying they would accept their own local area being subject to such limitations

Flu kills five times more than coronavirus

Flu and pneumonia are killing five times as many people as coronavirus at present, with Covid deaths at their lowest since the end of March, official figures show. There were 193 deaths reported in the week ending 31 July that had coronavirus mentioned on the death certificate, continuing three months of falls since a weekly peak of 8,758 in April. By contrast, 928 people died of flu or pneumonia in the last week of July, slightly fewer than previous years and the seventh consecutive week in which more people had died of flu or pneumonia than coronavirus.

Parents urged to stay up-to-date with children's vaccinations

Parents are being urged to make sure their children are up-to-date with all their routine vaccinations, as the LGA said high vaccine uptake could prevent infections and stop pressure being piled on the NHS. It has called for government to set out a

plan to ensure children get the vaccinations they need and help GPs, clinics and schools to cope with demand.

Reviews of coronavirus deaths among health and care staff 'to be kept secret'

Ministers have been accused of trying to cover up the findings from investigations into hundreds of health and social care worker deaths linked to coronavirus, after it emerged the results will not be made public. Medical examiners across England and Wales have been asked by ministers to investigate more than 620 deaths of frontline staff that occurred during the pandemic, but the Department of Health and Social Care said the results will be kept secret with the aim of helping local hospitals to learn and improve protection for staff.

Reopening of theatres, casinos and bowling alleys

Theatres, casinos and bowling alleys have reopened as part of the latest easing of lockdown restrictions in England. The relaxed measures will also mean tattoo studios, beauty salons, spas and hairdressers can offer additional services, including face treatments such as eyebrow threading, as the Government introduces bigger fines for failing to wear a mask in places where it is compulsory.

Public Health England 'to be replaced'

Public Health England (PHE) is reportedly to be scrapped and replaced by a new body specifically designed to protect the country against a pandemic by early next month. Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock is set to announce this week (16th) a merger of the pandemic response work of PHE with NHS Test and Trace into a new body, called the National Institute for Health Protection, modelled on Germany's Robert Koch Institute.

Southend Hospital has waved goodbye to its final Covid-19 patient

Source: Echo News <https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/18652971.southend-hospitals-final-covid-patient-discharged/>

Southend Hospital has waved goodbye to its final Covid-19 patient, as the team ready themselves for the potential of a second wave.

The patient was discharged from Southend Hospital on Thursday (13th), which means the hospital is no longer treating any Covid positive patients, although more could arrive in the coming days and weeks given the ever-changing nature of the pandemic.

The team have treated some remarkable Covid survivors during the peak of the outbreak, including Shoebury's Felix Khor, who left the hospital after almost 11 weeks as a patient.

Head of the Southend Emergency Department, has welcomed the latest news, but warns it's not time to take our foot off the pedal with the threat of a second wave looming upon us. He said: "For the first time in five months we have no Covid patients left at the hospital, which is absolutely fantastic news. Everyone has worked so hard and the last couple of months have of course been difficult for everyone.

"With that being said - now is not the time to be complacent. We still need to be very, very careful, I do think there could be a second wave so we need to get ready.

"This does give us a bit of time and the first hit has prepared us for the second should it happen. If it does happen it's only going to be a matter of time, maybe around October. It's difficult then because it is flu season, so it's hard to differentiate between a normal cold and the coronavirus.

"It's not over yet, but everyone has been doing so well. It's definitely a step in the right direction."

Southend Hospital bosses confirmed on Friday (14th) that they weren't treating any Covid positive patients, however a spokesman reiterated it could change at any moment.

The spokesman said: "At this moment, Princess Anne Ward and the rest of the hospital has no Covid-19 patients, which is cautious good news.

"With new patients being admitted and tested daily, that situation can easily change. It has been hugely positive to see numbers decrease and all of our staff have continued to provide high quality care to our patients during these challenging times.

"We've all come a long way in the past couple of months but Covid-19 is still likely to be with us for some time. We must all continue to follow socially distance, keep washing our hands and reduce the risk of spreading the infection."

The head has now urged patients to visit their GP for longer term issues first unless it's an emergency, in the hope of avoiding overcrowding in A&E.

He added: "Before we had to focus on our Covid patients during the height of the outbreak, but we're now seeing a rise in visitors with longer-term problems which they should see the GP for first."

"We're at less of a capacity now and want to avoid crowding in A&E and we have to keep at least one metre apart. There is still a risk, so please see your GP if you can."

Vaccines

The Government has secured early access to 90 million doses of 2 COVID-19 vaccines should they prove safe and effective. The new in-principle agreements include 60 million doses of the Novavax vaccine and 30 million doses of the Janssen vaccine. Ministers have also agreed in principle to co-fund a ground-breaking global clinical study of the Janssen vaccine. The next phase of clinical trials is expected to begin later this year and will look at whether providing two doses of their vaccines provides long-term protection against coronavirus.

Car sharing

The Department for Transport (DfT) is encouraging people to plan their journey if it requires them to share a car with another household. They are asked that they follow government guidance to help them keep safe. The advice for the public is to:

- try not to share a vehicle with those outside their household or support bubble
- if this is not possible, share the transport with the same people each time
- open the windows for ventilation
- wear a face covering for the duration of the journey
- consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle – e.g. leave seats some free.
- clean their car between journeys including door handles and other areas that people may touch

Calls for ban on public BBQ's after spate on Shoebury East Beach

Source: Echo News: <https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/18630748.calls-ban-public-bbqs-spate-shoebury-east-beach/>

A ban on barbecues at Southend's beaches, parks and outdoor spaces could come into place after hoards of residents were spotted cooking over coals.

Independent Shoebury councillor Nick Ward was shocked to see roughly 40 people lighting up barbecues at the well-loved East Beach during the weekend of the 1st and 2nd August, which saw temperatures climb to a scorching 32 degrees. And with the weekend (8-9th) set for a second dose of scorching weather, Mr Ward is preparing to put forward a motion to the council calling for a barbecue ban across Southend.

Environmentalists find 4kg of rubbish and urine while cleaning Southend beaches

Source: Echo News <https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/18630375.environmentalist-finds-4kg-rubbish-urine-cleaning-southend-beaches/>

An environmentalist was left horrified after picking up more than 4kg of rubbish – including PPE and a can full of urine – on Southend's beaches and she has been collecting litter left on the beaches every morning since February, but she was dismayed by the amount of waste she discovered along the coastline on Tuesday (11th).

Visitors to the beaches are still failing to put rubbish in bins or taking their waste with them. The bag was too heavy for her to carry. It contained two nappies, a box of firelighters for disposable barbecues, clothing, six plastic gloves, over two dozen hand wipes, three masks, plasters, netting from plastic toys, tissues, cans – including one full of urine – food trays, plastic hoops from beer cans, drink cups and cigarette butts. It's worse when it's stuffed into the

rocks when there are bins provided just a few feet away. She is disappointed to see a lack of respect for the environment and is pleading for people to think about the environment they are in and have respect for others and our wonderful town. She hopes more of the community will volunteer their services and help to clean our beaches. Many people stop her daily to say how grateful they are for her efforts and how much they'd like to join her. It is not only extremely rewarding but great for mental health.

2) Three possible scams

We have been advised by members of possible scams. Please see below:-

a) MBNA - (The member doesn't even have an MBNA account or credit card).

From: MBNA <secure-MBNA-Customer@magenta.de>
To: Recipients <secure-MBNA-Customer@magenta.de>
Date: 12 August 2020 at 16:32
Subject: MBNA: We tried to contact you -

MBNA CREDIT CARD

Dear MBNA Customer,

We recently changed the way you login into your MBNA online Credit Card account.

To continue using our services and have your account protected, we need you to update some necessary account details with us.

Please, follow the link below to update your account. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of credit card services.

[Click here to update](#)

Thank you for choosing MBNA Card.

MBNA Personal Finance MBNA Security Department Department

b) Amazon Prime

A member received a call from a very friendly, helpful lady who said that as he had not paid his bill, his Amazon prime account would be closed in the next 24 hours. He was asked if he would like to pay now by credit card. The member doesn't have amazon prime so he declined, but someone may be tricked into giving their card details. The number she called from was 02820669331 which the member could not find on any tracking service.

c) Amazon Prime

After the above member received the Amazon Prime scam, he received another call from an American woman saying that his Amazon prime account was closing in 8 hours unless he called a certain number and made a payment. Of course, he ignored it. The number she called from was 05610968692, again untraceable.

3) Cold Calling

We have been contacted by a resident as he has had a cold caller. Please be aware and see the below information from our member:

About just under an hour ago (20/8 6.00pm approximately), I had a knock at the door from a young man, guess aged about 24, asking if I wanted any jobs done. He had a strong Irish accent, probably from the south of Ireland, and was wearing wellington boots, shorts and top. I had six bags of garden waste ready for collection at the edge of my drive way and he offered to remove them for me but I explained I already had an arrangement with the Council for which I had paid. This did not stop him pressing home that he could remove them for a better price and I told him again I had already arranged their disposal. He finally accepted what I had said and left. I would emphasise he was not aggressive at any time but did not initially accept what he was told. I did notice he was carrying some papers that were printed 'Receipt' but I was unable to see the text. He did not appear to call at my next-door neighbour going towards the sea front and that could suggest there may have been two involved calling at every other property but that is purely a guess on my part.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 7 August 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01206/TPO

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Abbie Greenwood Date Valid. 5 August 2020

**FELL ONE PEDUNCULATE OAK TREE (T10), CLEAR AND REMOVE
REMANANT HAZARD OF ONE FAILED OAK TREE (T2) AND CROWN
REDUCTION OF 2-2.5M TO ONE PEDUNCULATE OAK TREE (T9) AND ONE
MATURE HOLM OAK TREE (T3) ALL TREES LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN
MOST AREA OF THE CARPARK (WORKS TO TREES COVERED BY A TREE
PRESERVATION ORDER)**

THORPE HALL SCHOOL WAKERING ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

APPLN. NO: 20/01163/FUL

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Scott Davison Date Valid. 17 July 2020

**DEMOLISH EXISTING BEACH HUT AND ERECT REPLACEMENT BEACH HUT
BEACH HUT 323 THORPE ESPLANADE THORPE BAY**

APPLN. NO: 20/01195/FULH

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Kara Elliott Date Valid. 28 July 2020

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS
59 MAPLIN WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/01218/FULH

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Julie Ramsey Date Valid. 30 July 2020

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION
404 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/01099/FUL

Ward. **West Shoebury**

Officer: Hayley Thompson Date Valid. 13 July 2020

**EXTEND GARAGES TO FRONT AT 50 AND 52 ULSTER AVENUE AND FORM
PORCH TO FRONT AT NO. 52
50 - 52 ULSTER AVENUE SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 20/01146/FUL

Ward. **West Shoebury**

Officer: Scott Davison Date Valid. 30 July 2020

**ERECT DWELLINGHOUSE ADJACENT TO EXISTING DWELLINGHOUSE,
INSTALL TWO VEHICULAR ACCESSES ONTO AYLESBEARE, ASSOCIATED
LAYOUT PARKING TO FRONT AND REAR (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
15 AYLESBEARE SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 20/01181/FULH

Ward. **West Shoebury**

Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 24 July 2020

**ERECT ROOF EXTENSION TO REAR, DORMERS TO SIDE ELEVATIONS,
SINGLE STORY REAR AND SIDE EXTENSION, INSTALL JULIETTE BALCONY
TO FRONT AND REAR, ALTER ELEVATIONS
105 LEITRIM AVENUE SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 20/01188/OUT

Ward. **West Shoebury**

Officer: Scott Davison Date Valid. 27 July 2020

**DEMOLISH EXISTING BUILDING (CLASS A4), ERECT 9 DWELLINGS WITH
ASSOCIATED PARKING AND VEHICULAR ACCESS ON TO SEAVIEW ROAD
AND STOUR CLOSE (OUTLINE) (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
22 SEAVIEW ROAD SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 14 August 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01153/FUL

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Oliver Hart

Date Valid. 5 August 2020

FORM ROOF TERRACE OVER SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO GROUND FLOOR SHOP AT REAR WITH PERIMETER RAILINGS AND PRIVACY SCREENING, INSTALL FRENCH DOORS ONTO ROOF TERRACE (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

225A HAMSTEL ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/01221/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

Date Valid. 30 July 2020

ERECT SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION, INSTALL BALCONY TO FRONT
159 BURGESS ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/01239/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

Date Valid. 31 July 2020

ERECT TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, CONVERT LOFTSPACE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION AND ALTER ELEVATIONS

80 PARKANAUR AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/01322/GPDE

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Oliver Hart

Date Valid. 13 August 2020

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, PROJECTING 5.56M BEYOND THE EXISTING REAR WALL OF THE DWELLING, 2.3M HIGH TO EAVES AND WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 3.88M

17 FITZWARREN SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

6) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 21 August 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01272/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Julie Ramsey

Date Valid. 6 August 2020

**ERECT TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION, FIRST FLOOR FRONT EXTENSION, INSTALL JULIETTE BALCONY TO REAR, ALTER ELEVATIONS
218 SHOEBURY ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/01301/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

Date Valid. 11 August 2020

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
263 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/01269/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Kara Elliott

Date Valid. 5 August 2020

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND FIRST FLOOR SIDE
EXTENSION, EXTEND AND ALTER FRONT ELEVATION AND CONVERT
EXISTING GARAGE TO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION
116 MAPLIN WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/01280/CLP

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Julie Ramsey

Date Valid. 6 August 2020

**DORMER WITH JULIET BALCONY TO REAR AND CONVERT LOFT IN TO
HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION, INSTALL ROOFLIGHTS TO FRONT
ELEVATION (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - PROPOSED)
2 LODWICK SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 20/01283/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Kara Elliott

Date Valid. 7 August 2020

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY OUTBUILDING TO FRONT
8 LEITRIM AVENUE SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

7) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 02/08/2020

APPLN. NO: 20/00800/FUL

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Spyros Mouratidis

**CONVERT DWELLINGHOUSE INTO TWO SELF-CONTAINED FLATS, ERECT
PART SINGLE/TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, ERECT PART SINGLE/PART
TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS, LAYOUT PARKING TO
FRONT**

2 COPTFOLD CLOSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00881/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Oliver Hart

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, CONVERT INTEGRATED GARAGE
INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION AND ALTER ELEVATIONS**

88 LITTLE THORPE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00782/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION

79 LIFSTAN WAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00795/FUL

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Robert Lilburn

CHANGE OF USE FROM DWELLINGHOUSE (CLASS C3) TO 5 BEDROOM RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME (CLASS C2), CONVERT GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION, LAYOUT PARKING TO FRONT AND EXTEND EXISTING VEHICULAR CROSSOVER ONTO VICTORIA ROAD, ALTER FRONT ELEVATION (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

66 VICTORIA ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00810/FUL

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Scott Davison

CHANGE OF USE FROM BANK (CLASS A2) TO COSMETIC SURGERY AND BEAUTY SALON (CLASS SUI GENERIS)

200 THE BROADWAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00871/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

263 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00882/BC3

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Oliver Hart

REPLACE WINDOWS AND DOORS

THE PARK LODGE SOUTHCHURCH PARK SHAFTESBURY AVENUE

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00877/CLP

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Hayley Thompson

DORMER TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE AND ROOFLIGHTS TO FRONT (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE) (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

108 RICHMOND AVENUE SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

8) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 09/08/2020

APPLN. NO: 20/00925/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Scott Davison

RAISE RIDGE HEIGHT, ERECT DORMER TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ROOF, CONVERT GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION, ERECT TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND ALTER

ELEVATIONS, INSTALL TERRACE AND JULIETTE BALCONIES TO REAR AND ALTER ELEVATIONS (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

138 SOUTHCHURCH BOULEVARD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00809/FUL

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Scott Davison

CHANGE OF USE FROM COSMETIC SURGERY AND BEAUTY SALON (SUI GENERIS) TO RETAIL SHOP (CLASS A1)

146 THE BROADWAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00896/FUL

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Scott Davison

CHANGE OF USE FROM BANK (CLASS A2) TO COSMETIC CLINIC (CLASS D1)

200 THE BROADWAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00909/CLP

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Scott Davison

USE FIRST FLOOR VACANT SHOP STORAGE AREA (CLASS A1) AS 2 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS (CLASS C3) (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)

156 THE BROADWAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Lawful Development Certificate

APPLN. NO: 20/01105/GPDE

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, PROJECTING 4M BEYOND THE EXISTING REAR WALL OF THE DWELLING, 2.6M HIGH TO EAVES AND WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 2.9M

90 RUTLAND AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: GPD Non Conditional

APPLN. NO: 20/00901/CLP

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Kara Elliott

HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ROOF, DORMER TO REAR WITH JULIET BALCONIES, INSTALL 2 ROOFLIGHTS TO FRONT AND WINDOW TO SIDE ELEVATION (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)

17 STROMA GARDENS SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 20/00930/FUL

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Scott Davison

INSTALL BALCONY TO EXISTING BEACH HUT

BEACH HUT 382 THORPE ESPLANADE THORPE BAY

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

9) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 16/08/2020

APPLN. NO: 20/00807/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT SINGLE STOREY FRONT AND REAR EXTENSIONS, FIRST FLOOR SIDE
EXTENSION, INSTALL DORMER TO REAR AND ALTER ELEVATIONS

66 WILLINGALE WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00819/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Julie Ramsey

RAISE ROOF HEIGHT AND INSTALL ROOFLIGHTS TO FORM HABITABLE
ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE, ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO
STOREY FRONT AND REAR EXTENSIONS WITH ROOF LANTERNS TO REAR
AND FIRST FLOOR BALCONY TO FRONT, CONVERT GARAGE INTO
HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION AND ALTER ELEVATIONS

153 SOUTHCHURCH BOULEVARD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00950/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

6 PHILPOTT AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00941/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION

128 ST JAMES AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00981/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Julie Ramsey

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS

103 PARKANAUR AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/00894/BC3

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Spyros Mouratidis

**LAY OUT EXTERNAL CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA WITH BOUNDARY
TREATMENT AND ASSOCIATED WORKS (AMENDED PROPOSAL)**

SHOEBURY COMMON NORTH SHOEBURY COMMON ROAD SHOEBURYNESS

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00902/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Kara Elliott

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION TO FORM ADDITIONAL
GARAGE, SINGLE**

**STOREY REAR EXTENSION, SIDE INFILL EXTENSION, ENLARGE BALCONY
TO REAR, INSTALL CANOPY TO REAR (AMENDED PROPOSAL)**

8 LEITRIM AVENUE SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00996/CLP

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Hayley Thompson

**INSTALL DORMER WINDOWS TO REAR, LOFT CONVERSION, ROOF LIGHT
TO FRONT**

**AND REAR (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - PROPOSED) (AMENDED
PROPOSAL)**

145 BISHOPSTEIGNTON SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

**Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate
(Proposed)**

11) Southend NHW Crime Report - 3rd - 9th August 2020

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/118222/ 20	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	03/08/2020 18:01	02/08/2020 00:01	Whittingham Avenue	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT HAS DAMAGED VICTIMS CAR BY RIPPING THE GOLF LOGO AND SMASHING IT.
Thorpe	42/117353/ 20	Theft or Unauthorise d Taking of a Pedal Cycle	03/08/2020 20:38	03/08/2020 16:15	Ambleside Drive	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN BY MEANS UNKNOWN THE VICTIMS MOUNTAIN BIKE FROM THE BIKE STAND AT THE STATION.

Thorpe	42/117816/20	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	04/08/2020 15:03	03/08/2020 21:00	Woodgrange Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS REAR GARDEN BY MEANS OF CLIMBING OVER THE GARDEN FENCE, AND CAUSED CRIMINAL DAMAGE BY MEANS OF PULLING PLANTS UP AND DAMAGING, VINES, TOMATO PLANTS, FORSYTHIA, MINT AND VARIOUS OTHERS, SNAPPING THEM AT THE BASE AND BREAKING BRANCHES.
Thorpe	42/118243/20	Interference with a motor vehicle	02/08/2020 11:22	02/08/2020 11:05	Brunswick Road	Southend-on-Sea	MALE SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS WALKED UP VICTIMS DRIVEWAY TO HER FRONT DOOR AND THEN WALKED BACK AND TRIED TO OPEN DOOR TO VICTIMS VEHICLE. SILVER NISSAN NOTE ACCENTA, WHICH WAS PARKED ON VICTIMS DRIVEWAY. NO ENTRY GAINED.
Thorpe	42/120229/20	Theft from a motor vehicle	07/08/2020 12:00	07/08/2020 00:00	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED VEHICLE BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND REMOVE TWO KINDLE FIRE HD TABLETS FROM THE GLOVE BOX.
Thorpe	42/121337/20	Theft if not classified elsewhere	08/08/2020 16:23	07/08/2020 16:00	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS UNATTENDED MOBILE PHONE

							FROM A PUBLIC TOILET BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
West Shoebury	42/117003/20	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	03/08/2020 13:08	03/08/2020 05:00	Gunfleet	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO VICTIMS RED VAUXHALL CORSA SCRATCHING THE BONNET, DRIVERS SIDE PANELS AND SOME PASSENGER SIDE PANELS, CUT TWO SLITS IN THE SOFT TOP AND THREW A CAN OF BLACK PAINT ON THE VEHICLE WHICH VICTIM HAS MANAGED TO GET SOME OFF.
West Shoebury	42/118519/20	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	24/07/2020 17:15	24/07/2020 17:15	Delaware Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS SPAT INTO THE REAR OF A POLICE CAR WHICH REQUIRED SPECIALIST CLEANING DUE TO COVID-19.
West Shoebury	42/119631/20	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	06/08/2020 14:51	03/08/2020 00:00	Yarnacott	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE SMASHED REAR NEARSIDE WINDOW OF A BLACK RENAULT CLIO WHILE PARKED ON DRIVEWAY.
West Shoebury	42/120218/20	Attempted Burglary - Business And Community	05/08/2020 20:19	05/08/2020 19:55	Caulfield Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ACCESS TO SCHOOL BUILDING, TRIGGERING THE ALARM AND HAVE BEEN SEEN CLIMBING OVER THE ROOF AND SECURITY RAILINGS.

12) Southend NHW Crime Report – 10th – 16th August 2020

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/123628/20	Aggravated vehicle taking	11/08/2020 08:39	11/08/2020 08:39	Vallance Close	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT HAS TAKEN THE VICTIMS SILVER FORD FOCUS WITHOUT HER CONSENT AND CRASHED IT INTO A PARKED CAR CAUSING NO INJURIES.
Southchurch	42/124514/20	Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	12/08/2020 08:25	12/08/2020 08:15	Glynde Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE PREMISES BY REMOVING PANES OF GLASS FROM GROUND FLOOR LEAD LIGHT WINDOW USING SECATEURS TAKEN FROM AN INSECURE OUTBUILDING.
Southchurch	42/125336/20	Theft from a motor vehicle	13/08/2020 10:07	10/08/2020 22:30	Glynde Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ACCESSED THE VICTIMS WHITE TOYOTA BY THE PASSENGER SIDE DOOR. THEY HAVE THEN CONDUCTED A MESSY SEARCH WITHIN AND HAVE REMOVED A SMALL QUANTITY OF CHANGE. NO DAMAGE HAS BEEN CAUSED TO THE VEHICLE.
Southchurch	42/126873/20	Theft from a motor vehicle	15/08/2020 15:27	14/08/2020 10:50	Garon Park	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE CATALYTIC CONVERTER FROM THE VICTIMS SILVER LEXUS WITHOUT PERMISSION AND

							HAS MADE OFF WITH THE ITEM.
Southchurch	42/127412/20	Theft from a motor vehicle	13/08/2020 09:00	10/08/2020 22:30	Glynde Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED THE VICTIMS WHITE TOYOTA ESTIMA BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND HAVE CARRIED OUT AN UNTIDY SEARCH, SMALL AMOUNT OF CHANGE STOLEN.
Southchurch	42/127462/20	Interference with a motor vehicle	16/08/2020 13:05	15/08/2020 19:30	Athena Close	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED THE VICTIMS YELLOW MINI BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND MADE A SEARCH INSIDE. NOTHING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN.
Thorpe	42/124180/20	Theft from a motor vehicle	12/08/2020 00:26	12/08/2020 00:26	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS VEHICLE AND CONDUCTED A MESSY SEARCH BEFORE REMOVING ITEMS AND LEAVING THE SCENE.
Thorpe	42/124304/20	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	12/08/2020 05:26	12/08/2020 00:00	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS TRIED TO GAIN ACCESS INTO VICTIMS PROPERTY. SUSPECT HAS ALSO STOLEN ITEMS FROM THE PORCH.
Thorpe	42/125684/20	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	13/08/2020 21:12	13/08/2020 21:10	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT HAS ENTERED THE VICTIMS HOLIDAY HOME AND STOLEN HIS BANK CARD.
Thorpe	42/126665/20	Attempted Burglary - Business And Community	15/08/2020 09:36	13/08/2020 00:00	Thorpe Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN AT THE LOCATION WHEREBY HE HAD DINNER BEFORE BEING ASKED TO LEAVE. SUSPECT

West Shoebury	42/122919/20	Theft if not classified elsewhere	10/08/2020 11:49	16/07/2020 11:16	Delaware Road	Southend-on-Sea	WAS THEN SEEN ON CCTV BY THE MANAGER WHILST POLICE WERE THERE. THE FOOTAGE SHOWS THE SUSPECT ATTEMPTING TO OPEN A WINDOW AND ALSO TRYING DOOR HANDLES TO TRY AND GAIN ENTRY INTO A ROOM WITHIN THE HOTEL. SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN VICTIMS PARCEL CONTAINING A NEW IPHONE 10 SE.
West Shoebury	42/122950/20	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	09/08/2020 16:22	08/08/2020 03:00	Goldmer Close	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE DAMAGED THE VICTIMS CAR, A PEUGEOT 307, BY USING AN UNKNOWN IMPLEMENT TO TRY TO FORCE THE FRONT PASSENGER DOOR OPEN. ENTRY NOT GAINED.

13) Temporary Road Closures

a) Bournemouth Park Road & Eastern Avenue, Southend-On-Sea- 7th September 2020 - Gas diversionary works.

Temporary Prohibition of Traffic & Banned Turn

The Effect of the order will be to prohibit any vehicle from;

1. Turning right into Bournemouth Park Road from Eastern Avenue
2. Turning Left into Bournemouth Park Road from Eastern Avenue
3. Exiting Bournemouth Park Road into Eastern Avenue

The closure is scheduled to commence on 7th September 2020 or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting.

The alternative route will be via;

1. For both 1&2 above Sutton Road, Central Avenue & Bournemouth Road

2. Bournemouth Park Road, North Avenue, Sutton Road & Eastern Avenue

The Order will come into effect on 7th September 2020 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst gas diversionary works take place.

b) A127 Arterial Road, A127 Prince Avenue & A127 Victoria Avenue - Leigh-On-Sea, Westcliff-On-Sea & Southend-On-Sea - 1st September 2020 - Essential Major Carriageway Maintenance Works

TEMPORARY 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ORDER 2020

The Council gives notice that from 1st September 2020, **it proposes to introduce a temporary speed limit order on the sections of the A127 Arterial Road, Prince Avenue and Victoria Avenue as detailed below:**

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle, except a vehicle belonging to the emergency services, to travel at a speed in excess of **30 MPH** along the section of: the

**A127 Arterial Road from the Borough Boundary to Kent Elms junction;
A127 Prince Avenue from the Kent Elms junction to its junction with Nestuda Way (Tesco's roundabout);
A127 Victoria Avenue from Cuckoo Corner Roundabout to its junction with Priory Crescent/Fairfax Drive;
A127 Victoria Avenue from its junction with East Street/West Street to its junction with A13 Queensway**

the temporary speed limit covers both the eastbound and westbound carriageways and will only be in force whilst Traffic Management and 30 MPH signing are in place. The existing **40 MPH** speed limit is temporarily revoked during this period.

14) A127 The Bell Junction Improvement – Commencement

Construction work for the A127 The Bell Junction improvement scheme shall commence from 1 September and continue until Summer 2021. The contractor, Eurovia Infrastructure Ltd, will be carrying out the works and will comply with current Covid-19 government guidance.

The mobilisation period is underway and the signals team are carrying out work to the traffic signals on Sunday (23rd), which will require a number of lane closures at various points around the junction between 7am and 4pm.

As usual with junction improvements the contractor is providing a Public Liaison Officer (PLO) to keep drivers, local residents, businesses and key stakeholders (including taxis and busses) informed about the works and handle and manage any day-to-day enquiries.

The £5m project aims to improve the air quality and traffic flow across this key junction into and out of the town and make it easier for mobility-impaired people, disabled people and those with pushchairs to cross the highway. The majority of the funding for The Bell junction improvement (£4.3m) is from the Government's Local Growth Fund, with the remainder coming from the Council's Capital budget.

The scheme involves:

- Building a new dedicated left-turn lane onto Rochford Road;
- Extending the right-turn lane onto Hobblythick Lane;
- Improving pedestrian facilities on Rochford Road by providing a traffic-signal pedestrian crossing;
- Improving pedestrian facilities on Hobblythick Lane by providing a new pedestrian island;
- Banning the right-turn onto Rochford Road, in order to free up more "green light" time for motorists going straight ahead along the A127 in both directions, and improve pedestrian facilities;
- Removing the footbridge, which does not comply with disability discrimination legislation because of the lack of ramps.
- Introducing attractive new landscaping in the green space.

The contractor has advised they propose to commence the works on Hobblythick Lane by constructing the new pedestrian island and moving kerb lines. The footbridge is proposed to be removed during the weekend of 18 September, for which two overnight road closures will be in place, similar to when the Kent Elms footbridge was removed.

Once the Hobblythick Lane work is complete, the contractor will work their way around the junction installing new pedestrian crossings on A127 and Rochford Road. They will then move onto installing the new dedicated slip lane into Rochford Road and extending the right-hand turn into Hobblythick Lane. The last thing to complete will be resurfacing the carriageway and commissioning the traffic signals.

During these works the contractor will be providing school crossing patrol officers across the A127 during term times. The officers will be either on the east or west of the junction, depending on construction and pedestrian management.

Eurovia have considered pedestrian safety during the construction works and are proposing to keep to 2m distancing rules. Pedestrian access will be provided to residents and businesses, however you will appreciate it will be necessary to have pedestrian diversion routes, especially whilst working at the existing crossings. Pedestrian diversions will be clearly signed.

As with previous junction improvements, the majority of the works will be undertaken during the day. When it is necessary to undertake overnight works, ward councillors, members, residents, businesses and drivers will be informed in advance.

In order to minimise delays to traffic, the contractor has been asked to maintain two lanes of traffic on the A127 as much as possible. To help with this, the small island on the Southend bound carriageway, separating the ahead movement and the right-hand turn into Hobbeythick Lane, is being removed to provide more working room. Off-peak lane closures will be in operation between 9am and 3pm.

The contractor's welfare unit will be located on the green space north of the junction with their main compound located at their Progress Road Depot in Faraday Road. The compound area at Nestuda Way will be used for storing materials and plant equipment.

To receive project updates, visit: www.southend.gov.uk/thebell and to read more about the Better Southend programme, visit www.southend.gov.uk/bettersouthend.

15) Essex Police Fraud Alerts

TV Licences for Over-75's

As many of you are aware, in August 2020 there will be changes to the over-75's TV licence.

You will now only be entitled to a free TV licence if:

- You, as the licence holder are 75 years or older, **AND**
- You, or your partner living at the same address, receive Pension Credit.

Households that do not fall into this category will need to begin paying for a TV Licence. During August and September, TV licencing will be writing to those who need to set up a licence explaining the next steps. However, we know that criminals have been exploiting TV licencing email scams for a number of years.

TV licencing have provided an excellent FAQ on how to spot a genuine TV licence email but the five key points to look out for are:

1. **Check the sender**—all genuine emails are sent from *donotreply@tvlicensing.co.uk* or *donotreply@spp.tvlicensing.co.uk*.
2. **Check for a postcode**—if you have provided a postcode to TV licencing then their emails will include part of that postcode.
3. **Check your name**—TV licencing will address you by name. Be suspicious of any that address you as ' Dear Customer' or just use your email address.
4. **Check the spelling & grammar**—look for unusual hyphens and strange or missing full stops. They may also put capital letters on unusual words.
5. **Check the links**—always check where the links are taking you before you click on them—hover over them on a computer or press and hold on a phone/tablet.

REMEMBER

There are other ways of contacting TV licencing, including over the phone. There is also a helpline for over-75 TV licence queries—call **0300 790 6117**.

Carnival Cruises Data Breach

Carnival Cruises have confirmed they were the victims of a data breach on August 15th 2020, meaning staff and customer personal data may have been stolen.

Carnival have not stated how many customers had been targeted, or which brands had been affected (as Carnival operate a number of big brand names including P&O, Cunard and Princess Cruises).

Anyone who is a customer is advised to change their account password using the advice provided by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC).

It is also suggested that they monitor their bank account for suspicious activity and be vigilant for unexpected emails.

PayPal scam via Facebook Messenger

Action Fraud have warned of a widely reported scam where criminals use Facebook Messenger pretending to be a friend or family member asking for the use of residents PayPal accounts.

Scammers will state that they have sold an item on Ebay but cannot receive payment because they do not have a PayPal account. They request that the payment be sent via the message recipient's PayPal account before being transferred to an account controlled by the fraudster. Once this has been done, the original transaction is reversed and the PayPal account is left in negative balance.

Again, residents are urged to update their PayPal password information and if possible, turn on two-factor authentication (using another method to verify it is you).