

# District Councillor Monthly Report

## Lawford, Manningtree & Mistley

### December 2020 / January 2021

#### Coronavirus – Covid-19

As England comes out of the latest Coronavirus Lockdown on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, we now know that the whole of our county (and most of England) will be placed into Tier Two. The below is a brief bullet point list of restrictions which we are all asked to follow from the 2<sup>nd</sup>:

As you are aware the rules change for a brief period over the Christmas period, after which all areas revert to the previous tier restrictions.

#### Tier Two:

- You must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- You must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or a public space – this is called the ‘rule of 6’
- Businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-Secure manner, other than those which remain closed by law, such as nightclubs
- Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals
- Hospitality businesses selling food or drink for consumption on their premises are required to:
  - Provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol
  - Close between 11pm and 5am (hospitality venues in airports, ports, transport services and motorway service areas are exempt)
  - Stop taking orders after 10pm
- Hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through

- **Early closure (11pm) applies to casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, bowling alleys, amusement arcades, funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls. Cinemas, theatres and concert halls can stay open beyond 11pm in order to conclude performances that start before 10pm**
- **Public attendance at outdoor and indoor events (performances and shows) is permitted, limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors**
- **Public attendance at spectator sport and business events can resume inside and outside, subject to social contact rules and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors**
- **Places of worship remain open but you must not socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble while you are indoors there, unless a legal exemption applies**
- **Weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, and 15 people can attend linked commemorative events such as wakes or stone-settings.**
- **Organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue**
- **Organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with). There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s, which can take place with larger groups mixing**
- **You can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible**
- **If you live in a tier 2 area, you must continue to follow tier 2 rules when you travel to a tier 1 area. Avoid travel to or overnight stays in tier 3 areas other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities. You can travel through a tier 3 area as a part of a longer journey**
- **For international travel see the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office travel advice for your destination and the travel corridors list.**

The below table shows the latest relevant published infection rates per 100,000 head of population, in our local area (as writing).

Date	Tendring %	Colchester %	Essex %
29.10.2020	58.7	101.2	98.6
05.11.2020	60.7	104.3	106.0
12.11.2020	58.0	95.0	141.2
19.11.2020	72.3	77.6	151.7

Extract from Public Health England Report

Whilst the infection rate seems to have risen during 'lockdown' the district average has been affected by small spikes in identified establishments or groups. In the main our infection rate is reducing....for now.

### **Town Centre Ambassadors – Safe Return to High Streets**

Two new ambassadors have begun visiting Tendring's town centres to support a safe return of people to high streets in the district.

The Tendring District Council (TDC) staff will be supporting businesses to follow Coronavirus regulations, and also be on hand to guide shoppers and residents in staying Covid-secure when lockdown restrictions end on Wednesday (2 December).

As well as advising restaurants, pubs, shops and other businesses on the guidelines, the ambassadors will be the council's eyes and ears on the ground able to identify hotspots that might need additional safety measures such as queues or barriers.

They will also follow-up on reports of businesses not following guidelines and work with them to ensure they comply. Any who do not will then be referred to TDC's Environmental Health team for enforcement action.

Funded by a Government grant for local councils, the ambassadors' focus will be engagement and education and the team does not have enforcement powers themselves.

Carlo Guglielmi, TDC Deputy Leader, said the two ambassadors would be a friendly face for businesses and shoppers alike.

"The vast majority of businesses and venues have complied scrupulously with the varying Covid-19 regulations to ensure the safety of their customers, which we are extremely grateful for," Cllr Guglielmi said.

"The council will always be very reasonable around enforcement, but where there is a persistent disregard for regulations, we will take adequate action.

"We know that many people will want to hit the streets and catch-up on Christmas shopping once the current restrictions end, and we really want people to support our local shops and restaurants in doing so. But please

make sure you avoid crowds, follow measures such as wearing masks, queuing and one-way systems, and stay patient, so we do everything we can to avoid harsher restrictions in the future.”

**For updates on TDC service impacts due to Covid-19 visit [www.tendringdc.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/coronavirus)**

### **Planning**

(1) Anchor Public House – Change of use. I have ‘called-in’ the application which is awaiting the Planning Committee Agenda date.

(2) Land East of New Road, Mistley - Variation of condition 13 of the approved application. I have ‘called-in’ the application which is awaiting the Planning Committee Agenda date.

(3) Land East of Long Road, Mistley – The construction of a Health Centre, Car Parking and a new Access Road. I have ‘called-in’ the application which is awaiting the Planning Committee Agenda Date.

(4) 2 High Street, Manningtree – Change of use to Dwelling. Carlo has ‘called-in’ the application which is awaiting the Planning Committee Agenda date.

(5) High Street, Mistley – Groundworks for the construction of 48 apartments.

The latest update I have regarding the closed footway is dated 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Strategic Development Engineer has informed me that:

*“... the Structure Team at Essex County Highways state that the contractor/ applicant for the site has submitted their proposals to structures and it is currently awaiting technical approval. They are still going through and checking the technical aspect for the retaining wall, and at the moment they can’t say when technical approval will be granted. Obviously, until this is resolved the work cannot be programmed and the closure of the footway has to remain in place.”*

As soon as we have further information this will be passed to Parish Councils.

(6) Land South of Long Road, Lawford – Approval granted for the construction of an additional 76 dwellings.

(7) Brunswick Gardens, Mistley

It has been agreed that Tendring District Council will take possession of the newly built three bedroom bungalow at 8 Brunswick Gardens, Mistley, as an Affordable Housing Dwelling, in compliance with the Section 106 agreement.

A condition of the legal transfer is that the council must be a 25% shareholder in Harwich Road Management Limited (company registration number 11627235), the management company responsible for the development. Annual costs per household will be £462.00

**Hilton Close, Manningtree**

I have been in discussion with the TDC Engineering Team and although they are extremely busy at present, they hope to schedule the rebuilding of the wall at the rear of the parking area before Christmas. However, this will depend on attending to any emergency work, which of course will have to be prioritised.

**Kind Regards  
Alan Coley**

**District Report on Behalf of:  
Alan Coley, Carlo Guglielmi & Val Guglielmi**

**01<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

**In an emergency which requires TDC's assistance residents can contact the council's Control Centre on 01255 222022, available 24/7.**

**General Information: If anyone witnesses any fly tipping occurring, please contact TDC's Waste Management Team on 01255 686768.**