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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Your local Emerson Park Ward Conservatives hope that you & your family have been able to remain safe and healthy during this challenging time. In our local high streets, you will see yellow signs along the pavement. **Please follow social distancing** and remain at one metre plus where it is not possible to remain two metres apart.



On the 4th July, we saw the re-opening of parts of the leisure and hospitality sectors including our local pubs, cafés and restaurants. This came after shops reopened on the 15th June. **For the latest Government guidance, please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus**. If using public transport, please wear a face covering as they are now mandatory and since the 24th July, masks are also mandatory in most shops and inside spaces.

Havering Council at the start of the pandemic set up the **Havering Helps** support package to help residents in financial hardship due to COVID-19. This saw a £2 million investment to increase the Emergency Assistance Fund. The Council also distributed £36million of grants to local businesses, funded by the government, as well as cuts in business rates, which will support jobs and the high street.

If you need help or support, please do get in touch with us, your local Conservative Action Team.

FACT CHECK: ASYLUM SEEKERS AT PALMS HOTEL

In June, your Emerson Park Conservative Action Team asked local MP, Julia Lopez, to find out more about a Home Office plan to use the Palms Hotel on the A127 to accommodate people seeking asylum. With alarmist social media reports causing concern among Emerson Park residents about additional pressures on local services, Julia worked quickly to establish the full facts, going straight to the Home Secretary and her ministerial team.

The hotel was utilised by a total of seven people for one night as a temporary measure during the pandemic. The contract has now been cancelled and there are no further plans to use the hotel in this way. Julia has posted the full details on her website to address some of the rumours that were in circulation.



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Keith's Corner



Keith Prince is our London Assembly Member for Havering and Redbridge.

By now you are probably aware that Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London has increased the Congestion Charge to £15.00 and extended it to include weekends.

It now starts at 7am and remains in force until 10pm, 7 days a week.

We have been told that these are temporary measures but The Mayor is not prepared to say how long they will apply for.

We have also seen the reintroduction of the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) which applies to roughly all Petrol vehicles built before 2005 and Diesel vehicles older than 2015.

The Low Emission Zone is now in force across the whole of London within the M25 and applies to Commercial Vehicles as above.

There are some exceptions which can be found on TfLs website along with full details of the two taxes here <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/check-your-vehicle-35896>.

Next October will see the extension of the ULEZ to the A406 North Circular and the A205 South Circular.

I would welcome your views on these changes.

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Havering Support

Havering Volunteer Centre

The Havering Volunteer Centre has been coordinating the response of volunteers and requests for support within Havering. If you are in need of a friendly chat, a volunteer can call you. **The contact number is 01708 922214.**

The Volunteer Centre is also able to help with shopping, dog walking and prescription collection. Further information about the Havering Volunteer Centre can be found at www.haveringvc.org.uk

Havering Council

Havering Council have a dedicated web page with information regarding updates to their services available at: www.havering.gov.uk/covid19

There is also a helpline to discuss care, urgent issues about health and wellbeing or lack of access to supplies including food and medicines. They are available Monday to Friday 08:30-18:00 and Saturday to Sunday 11:00-16:00 on **0800 368 5201** or email them at **covid19support@havering.gov.uk**

PARKING UPDATE



To support our High Streets after the pandemic, new measures are being introduced. From 3rd August **all Council car parks will be free of charge every Sunday.** There will be **one hour free parking in on-street bays.** The new RingGo Parking App will provide a **20% discount on all parking charges** and allow contactless payments by text, phone or through the App. Current permit holders will receive a three month extension.

'EAT OUT TO HELP OUT'

For the month of August, the Government have launched an 'Eat Out to Help Out' scheme which will give you a 50% reduction, up to £10 per head, on sit-down meals and non-alcoholic drinks Monday to Wednesday in participating businesses.

Up to 210 businesses across your local area and many hundreds more across wider Havering could benefit from this new scheme.



GARDEN BONFIRE NUISANCE



Please consider your neighbours when burning waste in your garden. It is not permitted to burn waste which might cause pollution or harm. The Council's garden waste collection has resumed, and is accepting new users. The Gerpins Lane refuse centre has also re-opened and accepts garden waste.



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