

SHRA News Archive June 2020 to end of 2021 (only main items are archived).

05 October 2021 - **Should leasehold property be banned?** - The government has pledged to give leaseholders in England the right to extend their leases by 990 years and end their ground rent payments once and for all. The leasehold scandal has seen millions of homeowners saddled with unsellable properties due to escalating ground rents, uncapped service charges and difficulties buying their freeholds. [This article from Which? explains the steps the government is taking to reform the leasehold system.](#) The reform timetable is described in [this piece by the House of Commons library.](#) Meanwhile, the ongoing [Competition and Markets Authority investigation into the leasehold market](#) has resulted in reforming commitments from large developers, including Persimmon.



20 August - **Bus Services Improvement Plan Survey** - East Sussex County Council (ESCC) is developing a Bus Services Improvement Plan in collaboration with the county's bus operators. This is in line with the Government's recently published National Bus Strategy - [Bus Back Better](#), which requires all English local transport authorities to work with operators to come up with achievable plans for improving their local services and encouraging more people to use them.

As an important part of the Bus Service Improvement Plan, ESCC want to hear what you think would improve local bus services and what would make you use buses more. They are **keen to hear from people of all ages who already use buses and those who do not.** Please respond as soon as possible. Responses will help in the first Bus Service Improvement Plan. To complete the survey online or to print a copy please visit: <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/bsip/> The **closing date is 14th September.**

25 June - **Public Open Space (POS)** - this week SHRA wrote to the developers of Macaulay Place on Pacific Drive, about the progress of the POS they have to provide. They quickly replied saying that progress in some areas had been delayed due to shortages in materials, and that they had missed the Spring planting season for trees and shrubs because of trouble getting enough topsoil - these will now be planted in the Autumn. They confirmed that they have laid out pathways, topsoiled and grass-seeded (the recent rain has been very timely). They have ordered fencing and hope to start work on it in a couple of weeks. They will open at least one of the footpaths as a cut through to Pevensey Bay Road as soon as the fencing and pathway chicanes (to slow down cyclists) are in place, but will want to keep people off the grass until it has had a chance to become established.

25 May 2021- **West Bridge.** Due to a fault, the West bridge (Opposite the Harvester) will remain up overnight and into tomorrow. Unfortunately, it is safer to leave the bridge fully up rather than have it stop again in a part closed position. Doing so would be dangerous. Engineers have been contacted and signage will be displayed. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience. Daniel Heckford, Marina Manager



22 April 2021

Brown tail moth

caterpillars - The brown tail moth is an insect native to Britain that has hairy black caterpillars with red and white markings that group in webs on trees and shrubs. The hairs of the caterpillar have an irritant effect and can cause breathing difficulties and rashes in contact with skin. We have received reports that the caterpillars have been seen in some Harbour areas. If you spot them you should seek further advice and take necessary precautions. A Bing or Google search will help you find knowledge resources such as these provided by: [Butterfly Conservation...](#) and [Tendring District Council...](#)

22 Dec 2020 - **Beach Work Update** - Although the dump trucks have stopped working for now, the weather seems to want them back again. Fortunately there are no high tides over Christmas, when there should also be 48 hours of Northwesterly winds, but Sunday 27 is looking windy again with very big offshore waves.

Two bulldozers will continue to work this week and next, although not on Bank Holidays or weekends unless absolutely necessary. The dump trucks and an excavator remain in the Environment Agency depot so are available should conditions deteriorate. Otherwise I would hope we can wait until the New Year before the next round of recycling will inevitably begin. But, as always, the weather will have the final word.

Best wishes for a peaceful Christmas


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07 Dec - **Public Open Space** - SHRA contacted J. W. Stratton Limited, the developer's of [site 7c \(Macaulay Place](#) (see below)), about the public open space they are required to provide on site 7b. Stratton informed us that they will start working on the area immediately after Christmas with a view to planting in time for Spring. The children`s play area is the only sticking point – proposals have been submitted to Eastbourne in accordance with the council`s own parameter plans, but these have not yet been agreed. Stratton do not want to miss out on another planting season so they intend to get the bulk of the work done in any event and install the play area afterwards if necessary.

03 December - **Annual rentcharge** - SHRA wrote to the editor of the *Eastbourne Herald* to clarify several issues in a reader's letter they published earlier that misrepresented the situation. The letters can be read by following [this link to the Eastbourne Herald website...](#)

28 November - **Macaulay Place Planning Application** - The developer of site 7c (Macaulay Place) has submitted a revision for part of the site. The application (no. 200876) is for 5 3-story houses and a three-story block containing 2 3-bed maisonettes and one 3-bed apartment. [This extract from the application's Design & Access Statement](#)  gives more info. The full plans are on the [EBC planning website...](#) Our initial view is that the revised plan is an improvement. The closing date for responses is 19 December. Note: It would appear that the references in the application to site 7b (the public open space) are an error, as the plans show the development to be within site 7c.


29 August - **Response from Sovereign Harbour Trust CIC** - Following [SHRA's letter to the CIC of 20 April](#)  and a subsequent exchange of emails, the CIC formally replied to our letter on the 4 August. [Click here to read their reply.](#)  We have replied saying that we looked forward to seeing improved information on the [SHT website](#) and indicated that we would like to work with them on getting the arrangement for the annual rentcharge on a more transparent footing.

28 August - **Beach Replenishment** - Dredger *Sospan Dau* is due back within the next few days to start beach replenishment work on the north side of Sovereign Harbour. As usual sediment will be dredged from the seabed in the Owers Bank licensed dredging area, approximately 5 miles offshore from Littlehampton. This sediment will be delivered to the beach twice daily, with each discharge period expected to last just over an hour and each one starting around 1 hour before high water. As usual no dry plant will be used on the beach, the shingle being distributed by wave action alone. All deliveries are expected to be made within 200m of the marina's northern breakwater. The target delivery volume is 20,000 cu.m, so with an average load likely to be 800 cu.m this should take 25 or so tides. With no delays this equates to two weeks, but will take longer if further gales extend up The Channel in early September.

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21 August - **North Bridge Delay.** Message from Premier Marinas - The annual Commodores Sail Past held by the [Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club](#) takes place on **Saturday 5th September from 16:00**. Decorated vessels will sail from the north harbour, through the inner harbour and back again. As a result, the north bridge is likely to be raised for longer than usual. Boats should be back on berth by 16:45.

06 August - **August Edition of Waterlines.** We have published the August edition of Waterlines SHRA's on-line newsletter. [Please click here to find it on the Waterlines webpage....](#)

28 July - **Extension of The Waterfront Car Park Approved.** Premier Marinas' application to extend The Waterfront car park has been approved by EBC (see [Decision Document...](#) ). The plan involves replacing with tarmac the large brick planter and 'garden' opposite the Yacht Club to provide 60 more car parking spaces that will benefit events at The Waterfront and the Community Centre. The plans also include a removable, galvanised fence that will be installed "when car park "C" [is] used for boat storage". Car

park "C" is the new area plus half the existing adjacent area up to the mound ([see site plan PDF](#) and [design statement PDF](#)).

26 July - **Harbour WI July Newsletter Published.** [Find it on the Harbour WI webpage by clicking here...](#)

17 July - **Bay View Holiday Park Comments.** As SHRA stated below (6th July), comments on the proposed redevelopment of Bay View Holiday Park should have been made to Wealden Council. Wealden Council have advised a member that "letters of representation must be sent to Wealden District Council as we are the determining Authority for this planning application whilst Eastbourne BC are only a consultee. **If people have sent their comments to Eastbourne, please advise them to send these to Wealden – planning@wealden.gov.uk** otherwise we will be unaware of them." The application's reference number is WD/2020/0494/MAJ. The closing date appears to have been extended until Tuesday 4 August, so comments may still be made on the Wealden Council Planning website at:
<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=149228>

13 July - **Public Toilet to Remain Closed.** Following an enquiry from a SHRA member we emailed Premier Marinas for an update on The Waterfront's public toilet located near the entrance to the boat yard behind the bridal shop. Premier replied saying. "At this stage, we have taken the decision not to re-open the public toilets. The covid related controls would be excessive for such a small toilet block - the controls would render the block pretty much useless, to the point of 'one in one out'. The restaurants on site are now open for customers to use their toilets, whereas previously they were closed during take away service only. We are keeping this under review however."

06 July - **Retail Park Vacant Cinema Site - Letter to M&G Estates.** SHRA recently had a telephone conference about the vacant cinema site with EBC's Director of Planning in which we discussed planning permission and the planning restrictions imposed by EBC (see 29 May item below). EBC argued that these were not blanket restrictions but that the Council simply wanted a named tenant with a business plan so they would be able to assess its impact on Eastbourne Town Centre; they would accept any reasonable tenant. We have written again to M&G Estates to raise further points and to suggest a stakeholders meeting. [Click here to read our email to M&G.](#) PDF

01 July 2020 - **Planning Application for Major Redevelopment of Bay View Holiday Park.** Wealden Council have published a planning application relating to the Bay View Holiday Park. The plan involves the replacement of the current caravan site and adjacent camping field that backs on to Sovereign Harbour properties, with 91 static caravans. [Click here for a plan of the proposal...](#) PDF [Click here for the Design and Access Statement...](#) PDF
Any comments should be made on the [Wealden Council web site \(click here\)](#). Closing date is 17 July 2020.
