

Emergency corona response priorities

The Council prioritise council issues as follows

From High to low

High

Any safety issues that could affect the public on council land and in council buildings. That will include corona issues. Examples children's play equipment (even though closed), safety of council land and trees etc. Building safety (even if closed) would involve checking for building defects especially items like electricity, gas and water. Even when buildings are closed visits must be paid weekly to check their condition. The Council's normal safety inspections must continue as far as is practical.

Our telephone number and emergency call out must be operational so emergencies can be reported and reacted to.

Maintaining the district council service to the public in regard to benefits, payments and health issues like refuse bags. Other items can be dealt with for the district but the above must take priority.

Keeping our public toilets open and properly cleansed. Recreation areas safe etc. The public are being encouraged by the government to get fresh air and our recreational areas will be a vital area for them to do that. Additional sanitising will be carried out where necessary to ensure virus control. That will also apply in all council buildings that are still open.

Having a help line available in working hours (02380863138) for people with enquiries that relate to the situation regarding council facilities.

Legally required meeting being held but by the safest way possible

Current projects that are ongoing where they can be completed with the other parties and not cause any corona risk. Also where queries from the public regarding facilities (e.g. allotments) are being received then if possible and safe they should be dealt with as when the restrictions are removed we could have so many unresolved issues it may not be possible to cope at that time.

Projects on the list which are not urgent but can be worked on with home working.

LOW

1 Facilities at present closed or partially closed:-

Tide Mill experience

Garage Youth Centre

West Totton Centre (but will be open for the childcare of essential workers)

Calmore Centre

Calmore Village Hall

Hounslow Hall

Totton & Eling Community Assn

Hanger Farm

Tennis Centre

Play Equipment – pump track and skatepark

Bowls Centre

Public conveniences on Town Council Land

Areas Open

On advice from New Forest Council the Civic centre is closed to personal visits but you can telephone 02380863138 during office hours.

Recreation areas and footpaths on council land but PLEASE KEEP 2 METRES APART

Car Parks

Toll Bridge

Allotments

Paddling pools will not be opening in May but we will review on government advice nearer the time

As things are moving so quickly at present there will be reviews of these closures weekly or sooner if on govt advice

Please respect the social distancing guidance – being outdoors can be good for your physical and mental health but you should still maintain the 2 metre distance rule and if the area you are visiting is very busy please find somewhere quieter. If everyone obeys these issues it may prevent even more stringent rules being enacted.

The New Forest District Council website on corona is

<http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/15728/Council-Services>

