

Dear Resident,

Re: Proposal to build a replacement football pavilion in Blenheim Park

The portfolio holder for Enterprise, Tourism and Economic Development, Cllr Graham Longley, has requested that a consultation is undertaken with local residents and park users regarding a proposal, received by the council, to build a new football pavilion and changing rooms in Blenheim Park.

At one time sports teams had the use of a pavilion in the centre of the park. By 2005 the building was in a very poor condition due to subsidence and vandalism and was demolished. Since that time changing facilities have been provided by two former tool sheds and a temporary toilet. The council has been looking for a replacement alternative for some time as these facilities are inadequate.

The council has been approached by a local Football Club who wish to develop a pavilion in the park and provide these facilities once again. The pavilion would provide a clubhouse/changing rooms for the Football Club and changing rooms for the other football teams hiring pitches. The pavilion would be built and funded by the club which would operate the building under the terms of a lease agreement.

The park will remain open and available for use throughout any period of development. The pavilion will not be for the exclusive use of one specific local football club and will be available for use by other football teams hiring the pitches.

It is proposed that the building is located adjacent to Blenheim Chase next to Blenheim Children's Centre. It would be a single storey building. Working drawings for the proposal are attached.

The Council is asking resident's and park visitors for their opinions of this proposal. The results of the survey will help to inform the process when Council further considers the proposal in September 2015.

You can take part in this survey through the council's website at: www.southend.gov.uk/blenheimparkpavilion which is open until **Monday 24th August 2015**.

Alternatively you can send your comments by post to:

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