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FAREHAM SOUTH – Summer 2016

Tory councillors win **£6.5m** to ease traffic bottleneck

We hope it's goodbye to this...



LONG OVERDUE improvements to ease traffic flows at the station roundabout are well under way.

Work on the A27 between Bishopsfield Road and the roundabout started on May 16.

The £6.5m scheme aims to reduce congestion and increase capacity at the junctions with Western Way, West Street, Gudge Heath Lane and Redlands Lane.

The highway will be widened to improve traffic flow, there will be wider footpaths and upgrades to the train station with better access to further improve transport infrastructure.

The roundabout part of the project aims to achieve a more balanced traffic flow, new pedestrian access from West Street to the station including modifications to the subway, a new bus lane and bus stop.

There will be an extra lane for westbound traffic while retaining the right-hand turn into Gudge Heath Lane.

Urban realm improvements will enhance the present run-



...and an end to daily frustration



down appearance of the area, with better passage for cyclists and pedestrians.

It is estimated the work will take just over a year and inevitably there will be frustrating delays, but councillors ask residents and drivers to be patient.

The work is funded by Hampshire County Council secured by your local **Conservative** Councillors and forms part of wider improvements planned at junctions 9 and 10 of the M27 and the proposed Stubbington by-pass.

Fareham Town County Councillors Chris Matthews and Peter Latham, pictured above when work began, stated:

"We appreciate the funding provided by **Conservative**-led Hampshire County Council to continue to improve transport links for Fareham and the business and investment that this will bring.

"We plan to continue our work at HCC to secure the funding needed to provide the necessary Stubbington by-pass to further improve Fareham's infrastructure."

Stripping bureaucrats' powers could boost local economy and enterprise

THE GOVERNMENT proposes certain powers wielded by Whitehall bureaucrats can be decided by local council leaders working with an elected mayor.

A deal has been offered to councils in South Hampshire, including Fareham, which would provide:

- Annual £30m funding for 30 years to invest in economic growth and housing including power to borrow
- Extra to funding already announced for Local Enterprise Partnership and 8 local councils; will meet estimated

£2bn costs for infrastructure in South Hampshire

- Keeping local business rates (£400m); leaving current system of government funding for local councils
- Powers over statutory plans for housing and infrastructure, ability to designate greenbelt
- Increase productivity, create more and better jobs by supporting business growth
- Control adult education and training budget, focusing on skills so people

get jobs and businesses prosper

- Deliver much-needed new homes, particularly affordable homes for local people.
- Control of dedicated transport budget, franchised bus services and local authority roads

Once in place, we hope to demonstrate our successes and negotiate for further powers for Solent region.

It does NOT mean reorganising or scrapping borough councils and creating a unitary council covering Hampshire as proposed by HCC.

England's 5th lowest district council tax – that's CONSERVATIVE budgeting



NEWS ROUND

Thank you to our supporters

Keith Barton would like to thank everybody who supported him in the May Borough Council elections.

“Whether you voted for me or not, I promise to look after the interests of all my ward’s residents,” he said.

Chris Matthews also wishes to thank those who voted for him in the County Council by-election in which he gained a resounding majority.

Cams Alders plan delay

A £4m plan to facelift Cams Alders into the 21st Century is temporarily stalled.

Councillor Dennis Steadman said full funding had not yet been allocated and there were many issues still to be resolved.

Dennis, a member of the Cams Alders Vision steering group, said it was unlikely any start would be made before 2017.

Ticking again

We are pleased to report the extensive works to Holy Trinity tower and clock have been completed. The Rev Sally Davenport and her team worked tirelessly to accomplish a first class renovation.

No smoking

Following residents’ comments, all bus shelters in the town will carry stickers requesting the public not to smoke while waiting.

New home for defibrillator

A new central relocation has been found for the defibrillator after its former home at Wykeham House School closed.

It has now been fitted in the porch at SS Peter’s and Paul’s Church, where it will be easily accessible for anyone needing it.

Gillies improvements go-ahead

MORE improvements at The Gillies have been sanctioned.

The site interpretation panel (pictured) is an excellent addition to help people understand what wild life could lurk in the undergrowth.

New wooden seating will be installed, but will be re-located from its current position.

A new bridge will be built over the woodland stream to bring a new access route to the main wooded area.

There will also be a new handrail to the sloped steps and new fencing in the main woodland, replacing what was damaged in a recent storm.



Crossfell play area update

PROGRESS is being made with improving the Crossfell Walk play area, reports Councillor Dennis Steadman.

He has been backing residents’ requests during the past year for action to be taken.

Temporary low level fencing was installed earlier this year between the toddler section of the play area and the cycle path.

Parents say it is dangerous having small children crossing the path to the play equipment as it

is also used by cyclists.

The adjoining multi universal games area will undergo a make-over later this year.

Work will include cleaning, painting, repairing the damaged fence panels, new court markings, new basketball hoops and replacing the football kick boards.

Dennis said: “We have been waiting for action to bring us up to the same levels as other play areas. It has been a long time but we are getting there.”

Dennis and Keith get residents’ traffic fears put on county list

MANY requests have been received from residents around the Butser Walk area regarding the local traffic situation.

Councillor Dennis Steadman and Keith Barton, our newly elected councillor for Fareham South, have approached Hampshire County Council outlining the concerns.

Dennis Steadman said: “There seem to be three or four parts to the requests – parked cars reducing visibility to pedestrians, speed, need for a traffic island and for the Borough Council to consider a bus cage to deter parking around the stops and improve visibility for those wishing to cross.

“There is a new refuge island by the shops as a part of the Broadlaw Walk development programme, but maybe not placed in an ideal location,” he said.

The County Council has agreed to put this on the list and it could be met from the minor works fund, but it would not be until 2017/18, unless there is a 2016/17 underspend.

Dennis added: “I am happy to say the scheme is on the list for consideration, but at the moment funding is difficult.

“It may also include a public consultation to ascertain if the majority of residents agree.

“Keith and I will try to update you when possible.”



Council grant secures equipment for Broadlaw Community Centre

Conservative Councillor Dennis Steadman backed the application and the cash will go towards a computer, laptops, projector and various games including an indoor curling set and an Xbox console.

The equipment will be available to all users, including training sessions for external groups that hire the centre..

Dennis Steadman said: “Since January, the Volunteers’ Group has been independent and is currently fundraising, looking for grants to enable them to continue with the programme of events that they have established.

“The on-going Broadlaw Volunteers’ Community Cohesion project provides a space for social activities for the community.”

“Activities include an internet café, junior youth and craft clubs; they also support Brendon Care (over 55s), Y Services Youth Club (12-17 years) and hold school holiday events, fun days, summer and Christmas fairs.

“They are also proposing to start up homework and cinema clubs.”

Events are run by volunteers and the centre is open to all, with most activities being free.

Financial reserves are limited, so the Volunteers’ Group will be giving their time and expertise, rather than making a monetary contribution.

Dennis added: “Whenever funding is requested for a worthy cause, there will always be the likelihood of a grant being made, provided it is for the local community.”

A SUCCESSFUL community funding application was made to Fareham Council by Broadlaw Volunteers’ Group who sought a grant £3,140 to buy equipment to use at Broadlaw Community Centre in Bishopsfield Road.

Travellers evicted from Cams Alders

TRAVELLERS had to be legally evicted after breaking into Cams Alders in May.

They sawed through three dragons’ teeth and camped next to the football field, accessing via Highfield Avenue.

Councillor Dennis Steadman, who was contacted by concerned residents, said the intruders were accompanied by their usual assortment of caravans, trucks, dogs and children.

They lit bonfires and dumped their rubbish on the site.

Dennis reported the invasion to the police and the Borough Council.

Swift action followed and a section 61 Order was issued to the travellers after some of them refused to move on.

Happily, three days later, they saw sense and were gone around Tuesday evening of the 24th.

Fresh bid for urgent footpath resurfacing

THE SERVICE road serving the hostel at 101 Gosport Road and adjacent premises is to be resurfaced.

It is included in the highways and transport programme of works as the surface condition has deteriorated and needs urgent attention.

Work is scheduled for the 2016/17 provisional programmes, under the ‘Operation Resilience Scheme’.

Councillor Dennis Steadman has also requested the upgrading of the the portion of the Gosport Road

footpath between the ‘walkover bridge’ at Redlands Lane past the shops to Mill Road exit.

Dennis states: “Many concerns have come from residents regarding the poor surface of the footpath along this stretch which I reported to Hampshire Highways many months ago.

“I have now been notified that after a condition survey by the inspector and myself recently, a bid will be submitted for consideration later this year. I will keep you all informed on any progress made.”

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Minister praises Suella for work on landmark Bill



TERRORISTS, paedophiles and serious fraudsters exploit the Internet, social media and other sophisticated communications

to scheme online, making it more challenging to keep track of them and gather the vital evidence to secure a prosecution or thwart plots.

The Commons passed the landmark Investigatory Powers Bill to regulate the interception powers used by our intelligence, security and law enforcement services.

I have taken a close interest in this issue and served on the joint committee of MPs and Lords that studied the draft Bill, and on the subsequent Commons committee that looked at current proposals.

Replying to the debate, Security Minister John Hayes congratulated me on the role I played in both committees.

He said: "The threat she described so vividly is, as she said, worldwide and of a kind that would allow us to do nothing other than take the necessary steps to counter it in the defence of our freedoms."

Suella

FERNANDES MP for Fareham



Time to unite in the wake of Referendum

THANK you to everyone who voted in the EU Referendum. Nearly 80% of Fareham residents took part in the biggest exercise in democracy in decades, resulting in an historic decision.

Whichever way you voted, I was pleased to see many new people vote for the first time, increased numbers of young people taking part and vigorous campaigning from both sides.

People, volunteers, attending meetings, speaking up in debates – all these are the lifeblood of politics and democracy.

By over 1,000,000 votes, Britain voted to leave the EU. Fareham reflected that trend, with a strong majority of residents voting to take back control of our democracy, our laws, immigration and our money and to look beyond the EU to forge more global trade and commercial links.

Many people did not vote to leave the EU and were disappointed, but I reassure them Britain has a robust economy, the talent and experience to secure the best settlement for the country.



I held my 'Big Fareham EU debate' in Portchester when over 100 local people asked questions to find out more about the issue.

I will be working hard to contribute to this effort in Parliament and I know that the spirit of open-mindedness, enterprise, economic prudence, compassion and tolerance that make our country great will be maintained.

As we navigate the next chapter of our history, we need to put past divisions aside and unite in the national interest, respecting each other while engaging in healthy discussion.

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Surgery dates

I will hold surgeries at different venues across Fareham. Please call to arrange an appointment to meet me.

Keep up to date

To stay up to date with all of my recent visits and speeches in Parliament please sign up to my newsletter at www.suellafernandes.co.uk/newsletter

Arrange a tour

I am happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster for groups of my constituents.

To book please contact my office with a minimum of three months' notice, as they are very popular.

FAREHAM CONSTITUENCY NEWS



APPRENTICESHIPS offer young people a great opportunity to learn professional skills, gain confidence and earn a living.

They also enable businesses to develop careers of talented young people in Fareham, ensuring the workforce of the future has the skills it needs.

I was grateful to work with local companies such as NATS (pictured) and Parcar who sponsored my first Apprenticeships Fair and Fareham College, where it was held, to enable young people to meet employers and learn more.

Many local businesses took part such as Yo Telecom, Babcock International, Lloyds and MB Air Systems, plus the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. Over 500 young people attended.

Look out for my event next year. If you are a

local employer keen to learn more about taking on an apprentice or holding a stall, let me know.

Broadband meeting

Many residents have contacted me about problems with their broadband service.

I have organised a public meeting for residents on October 28 at 7pm at Whiteley Community Centre to meet representatives of BT, the County Council and phone companies to voice their concerns. Let me know if you plan to attend.

Join me for a coffee

I enjoy meeting local residents and listening to their concerns.

As well as regular surgeries, you can join me for a Q&A and discussion on any topic at my coffee mornings and town hall events.

I recently held them in the Victory Hall, Warsash and Highlands Hub (pictured). Sign up to my monthly newsletter via suella@suellafernandes.co.uk to get updates on future dates.

