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FAREHAM WEST – 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

CAT meetings

We now team up with Titchfield for our Community Action Team meetings.

These are where you will find out what is happening in your local area and give you a chance to tell us about improvements you would like to see.

The police always attend to give their update and meet you at the walk about. Further information www.fareham.gov.uk/cats.

Beware insurance scam

Leslie was contacted by a foreign lady purporting to be the local GPs' surgery asking him to clarify his NI number.

Upon asking for her name and which surgery she was ringing from the phone was put down.

GP staff never ask you for these details over the phone so beware.

No smoking

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

Defibrillator relocated

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.

Help with funding for wiring has been offered by County Councillors Peter Latham and Chris Matthews from their devolved budgets.

Association agm

Officers elected at the local Conservative Association agm were: Chairman - Alan Causer; Deputy chairman (political) - Councillor Leslie Keeble; Deputy chairman (membership) - Councillor Pam Bryant; Secretary - Councillor Tina Ellis.

Tina thanks election supporters

Councillor Tina Ellis writes:

In the lead-up to the elections, I thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many residents, even those who were not intent on voting for me.

I was overwhelmed by the massive support shown on polling day and would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who voted me in as your representative on Fareham Borough Council.

In the last few weeks, I have attended training for new councillors (to ensure we know our legal limitations) which has been interesting, informative and reinforced what a professional outfit we have with the Council's

officers and staff.

There is a real sense of pride and ambition for Fareham coupled with a genuine interest in, as I have heard from so many of the staff there, 'doing the very best for our customers', you the residents of Fareham.

Thank you again for your vote of confidence and I look forward to meeting many more of you and helping you out when you have an issue in the coming months and years.

I am also thrilled that Chris Matthews was elected to County for Fareham Town where I know he has already been making an impact on your behalf.

Here's where your Conservative councillors serve

Tina Ellis

- Vice-chairman Public Protection Policy Development & Review Panel
- Member of the Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Committee
- Member of Audit & Governance Committee
- Deputy of the Scrutiny Board
- Also represents the Council on the Home-Start Gosport & Fareham Committee and
- William Price Charitable trust

Leslie Keeble

- Chairman of the Streetscene PDRP
- Member of the Scrutiny Board
- Member of the Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Committee
- Deputy on the Planning Committee
- Also represents the Council on the Citizens' Advice Bureau
- Deputy on the Hampshire Superannuation Scheme
- Deputy on the SE Employers' Local Democracy and Accountability Network for Councillors



Action to resolve hazardous parking issues



HAZARDOUS parking is angering residents in Abbeyfield Drive (Photo 1).

Resident Julia Bright told us: "It would seem that people think it OK to just park their cars where there's a space without thinking about

what the consequences might be.

"Currently, we have outside our house, which is on the bend, a silver car (Photo 3) and a white van further down (Photo 2) outside our neighbour's house, which would definitely limit access for any emergency vehicle.

"Is there any way that further double yellow lines could be introduced in areas where it was felt that parking was not suitable?"

Ward Councillors Tina Ellis and Leslie Keeble went to see for themselves and con-



firm there is a problem.

Tina said: "The parking does cause near misses. I've experienced them myself.

"Space is limited and people park around the island, making access to houses difficult."

Tina and Leslie promised to pursue the issue with the appropriate Council department and notify Councillor Trevor Cartwright, Executive Member for Public Protection, to ask whether double yellow lines might be investigated.



Goodbye 'golden' garden

SUE Witcombe, of Shenley Close, has not entered the Fareham in Bloom competition for the last 2 years.

A regular Gold award winner, Sue raised thousands of pounds for Cancer Research.

Sadly, arthritis ended her ability to maintain the garden, so she sold up and moved to Hythe.



Last look: Sue says farewell to her prize winning garden.

New play gear is a hit

THE NEW and challenging play facilities at Blackbrook Park have now been completed at a cost of £33,700.

A trim trail, giant climbing sticks, an inclusive roundabout, mini maze and a basket swing have been installed.

A new tarmac surface with vibrant graphics, three new gates and repainting of the teen shelter has made the area much more attractive.

There have been instances of anti-social behaviour which people are advised to report.

PHOTO: Tina and County Councillor Chris Matthews help his children, Benjamin and Jessica, to try out the new gear.



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WE SERVE YOU ALL

Whether you voted for us or not, your Conservative councillors promise the highest standards of service to everyone in the community. Contact us any time and we'll respond personally within 48 hours.

Award for carrying on Les's outstanding community work



COMMUNITY stalwart Les Ballard, who died last year, is remembered with an annual award bearing his name.

He was a long-standing volunteer driver for Fareham Community Action, active in the Stroke Club and Fareham Lions and popular member of Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club.

In recognition of this kind man, the Les Ballard Memorial Award for Outstanding Volunteering contribution to Fareham community was presented to David Cockshoot, of Scafell Avenue, who was recognised for his exceptional volunteering activities.

He drives minibuses for Fareham Community Action, is a school governor of St Jude's Catholic School, a trustee director of Abbeyfield, Fareham and visits isolated elderly people for Good Neighbours.

David, seen here on the left, was very pleased to receive it, but said there were many volunteers in Fareham who freely donate as much of their time to others as he does.

COME AND JOIN US

If you support Conservative principles and would like to vote to select your Council and Parliamentary candidates, to attend social and political events or help us by delivering InTouch in your street, then why not join Fareham West Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Please phone Leslie Keeble on 01329 845339.

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.

