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PORTCHESTER EAST – 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, which will hopefully ease tailbacks towards Portchester.

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.

Portchester East **Conservative** Councillor Geoff Fazackarley said: "Without doubt the congestion at the Fareham Station roundabout causes traffic to queue in the afternoons all the way back to junction 11 of the M27.

"This leads to drivers dropping down from the Delme overpass to the roundabout below, only to re-join at the Bath Lane end.

"It is this which blocks the Delme Roundabout and causes the huge queues from Portchester so anything that will re-

...and an end to daily frustration



lieve that is to be welcomed."

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.

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.

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



Trevor thanks supporters

He didn't quite make it this time, but Trevor Alford came close to unseating the Lib Dems in the May Borough Council elections.

Trevor thanks all who supported him at the poll and those who worked hard with canvassing and campaigning.

He said: "While disappointed at not being elected to council on this occasion, I was thoroughly heartened by the closeness of the result and intend to carry on campaigning along side our elected councillor, Geoff Fazackarley."

Dangerous parking

A near collision between a car and a child led to complaints from Cornaway Lane residents.

Councillor Geoff Fazackarley and InTouch team leader Trevor Alford met the residents who said the problem lay with parked cars either straddling the pathway or partially blocking private accesses, resulting in blind spots for pedestrians and cars.

Geoff will pursue the issue with the Borough Council.

No smoking

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

Poor response

A survey about providing another play area in the Condor Avenue open space got a poor response.

Only 17 households bothered to reply to 400 hand-delivered letters, and most opposed the suggestion.

There are 43 children's play areas across the Borough, but only one in this part of Portchester.

Apart from the money, the Council has difficulty identifying suitable locations and Condor Avenue was suggested for a small play area.

Most of those who responded were concerned about noise, anti-social behaviour and possible traffic and parking issues.

Popular Parkrun sets the pace in Portchester

THE FIRST Parkrun in the Borough was held in Portchester and attracted scores of people.

Parkrun UK operates as a non-profit organisation, staging a series of free, weekly 5km timed runs in open spaces around the UK.

Parkruns are open to all abilities and are safe and easy to take part in and there are currently over 340 in the country.

The focus is on recreational run-

ning, bringing people together and helping achieve a healthy lifestyle. Events take place every Saturday around 9am.

The route of the Fareham Parkrun is the easy-access coastal path around Cams Hall Estate and golf club, with the run starting and finishing at the Cams Mill pub.

Fareham Council provided community funding of £3,000 to help set up this project in Portchester.



Mayor's charities

Fareham's new Mayor, Councillor Connie Hockley, will support two charity funds.

Wessex Haven, the national charity that provides support and therapies for breast cancer sufferers, opened its regional centre in The Square, Titchfield last October.

The Mayor said: "Anyone affected by breast cancer is welcome, including free counselling for family and close friends."

Her other good cause is Y-Services, a local charity aimed to support and develop quality youth work to meet needs of local children.

Strategy to protect coast for next 100 years



SEA DEFENCE measures costing £47m to protect the East Solent coastline have been approved.

Fareham and Gosport Coastal Strategy aims to reduce risk of flooding and erosion to over 2,800 properties over the next 100 years.

But the plan outlining measures to prevent over £700 million of damages is dependent on the funding being found and is not imminent.

However, Portchester East Councillor Geoff Fazackarley says there is money for the Portchester to Paulsgrove section from Hospital Lane and along the A27 shoreline as Portsmouth City Council made it a condition in granting a development application by Trafalgar Wharf.

But a large proportion of the money needed to deliver the strategy, covering the coast from the River Hamble to Portchester, will have to come from sources other than traditional government funding.

The strategy was adopted by Gosport and Fareham Borough Councils in spring 2015 and approved by the Environment Agency in April 2016.

Councillor Keith Evans, Partnership Joint Board member and Fareham Executive member for Strate-

gic Planning and Environment said:

"The development of this strategy for the Fareham shoreline has improved our understanding of coastal flood and erosion risk locally. By being part of a group of co-operating local authorities, Fareham has gained access to expertise and government grants.

"We now have to think creatively about how we secure contributions and funding to ensure that the strategy's recommendations are delivered."

The post adoption statement and statement of environmental particulars can be viewed at:

<http://www.escp.org.uk/strategy-documents>

For more information about the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership, go to www.escp.org.uk or follow the team on **Facebook and Twitter @Eastern-SolentCP**.

PHOTO: The current scheme will cover from Hospital Lane to the Paulsgrove shoreline in the distance.

Celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday

OVER 1,000 visitors gathered at Portchester Castle to watch the beacon lit by former Mayor Councillor Mike Ford, to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on April 21.

The event was arranged by the Borough Council with English Heritage - a big thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and to residents who came to enjoy it.



St Mary's Church held a moving service of thanksgiving for Her Majesty on June 1.

Guests included Colonel Charles Ackroyd, Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire, Fareham Mayor Councillor Connie Hockley and Consort County Councillor Geoff Hockley, Fareham MP Suella Fernandes, councillors and community representatives

Two-faced Lib Dem councillors

PORTCHESTER'S two Lib Dem councillors are caught breaking an election pledge.

Roger Price and Shaun Cunningham (arrowed) are enjoying the civic lunch following mayor-making.

But their pre-election handouts stated they 'believed in preserving services rather than spending money on, for example, Today magazine and **mayor-making lunches**'. In Touch team leader Trevor Alford said: "It didn't take them long to renege on their promise."



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Portchester shopping centre regeneration work is progressing



DETAILED feasibility work to strengthen Portchester District Centre should be completed by late summer.

Portchester Member Working Group is leading work towards the vision for its future.

It wants to encourage a range of shops and leisure facilities to meet the needs of a modern community, and to foster an evening economy.

Carefully planned housing will be needed to facilitate improvements to the centre and attract investment and new jobs.

As part of the regeneration initiative, there is the potential to make improvements to the pedestrian areas in the centre (subject to external funding), which should help make the area more attractive to potential investors.

Before starting, the Working Group needed to understand how the District Centre is being used at present.

First consideration was car parking as it is important to ensure there will be enough for the retail outlets now and in the future.

The Council commissioned Alpha Parking to carry out a survey to identify patterns of those using the public car parks.

The second task was speaking to owners of the main sites and properties to understand their ideas on improving the centre.

Work is progressing on the concept stage of regeneration options after which the Council will talk to the main site owners about the production of more detailed op-

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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.

