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FAREHAM PORTCHESTER DIVISION

As yet another developer eyes up a Portchester prime site...

Lib Dems' misguided strategy threatens building 'free-for-all'

A PLAN to swamp yet another large swathe of countryside with 550 houses has brought a dire warning from Portchester Conservative County Council candidate **GEOFF FAZACKARLEY**.

Miller Homes' latest target is green space west of Downend Road and near the M27, where Geoff is pictured.

The company has indicated its intention in a 'Call for Sites' document.

Meanwhile, the result of Persimmon Homes' appeal against refusal to allow 120 homes at Cranleigh Road will be awaited after the public inquiry in April.

Geoff Fazackarley, Borough Councillor for Portchester East, says that had the **Lib Dems'** policy of opposing Welborne succeeded, numerous greenfield sites like Cranleigh Road would have been prime targets for developers seeking loopholes in the Borough Plan.

"Words fail me. It's time to say enough is enough. It is complete nonsense to look to build that number of homes in Portchester.

"If it continues, we're in danger of ending up with an uncontrollable free-for-all as is happening in Eastleigh, where



the **Lib Dem** council hadn't bothered with a borough plan."

Geoff Fazackarley, who will support the objectors' case to the inspector at the April inquiry into the Cranleigh Road appeal, adds:

"Continued delay of the 6,000-home Welborne development north of Fareham is piling pressure on other greenfield sites in Portchester and the rest of the Borough."

WHAT CONSERVATIVES HAVE DONE

- Kept council tax low for a decade
- £100m Fareham road improvement package
- Dualing A27 Fareham to Segensworth
- Improving station roundabout
- 90% of schools rated 'outstanding' or 'good'
- 90% of children get first choice of schools
- Kept open Fareham waste recycling centre
- Brought superfast broadband to 95% of homes
- Improved/supported Fareham library & museum

WHAT CONSERVATIVES PLAN TO DO

- Keep council tax low, service quality high
- Biggest school building programme in UK
- Top priority for elderly with extra care homes
- Build a new hotel in Fareham town centre
- Upgrade M27 Junctions 9 and 10
- Deliver vision for Portchester village centre
- Start Stubbington by-pass in 2018
- Construct new southern section Newgate Lane
- Invest millions to improve flood protection

**So many good reasons and more on Thursday,
May 4 to vote CONSERVATIVE for
X GEOFF FAZACKARLEY X**

Geoff isn't a talker – he's an achiever and a fighter for a better Portchester



Dear Residents

I'm writing to you to ask you for your support on Thursday, May 4.

During the past 5 years that I've been a councillor, I've given my all for the benefit of Portchester residents.

People will tell you that if there's something I simply can't do, then I'll say so.

I championed the Lidl cause and I've had many successes with issues that really matter.

ENVIRONMENT: My motions to council stopped the badger cull in the Borough and succeeded in getting clearer air for Fareham.

DEVELOPMENTS: I have fought against the Cranleigh Road planning madness and put forward ideas for alternatives.

The **Liberal Democrats** have opposed and obstructed the vital Borough Plan so that now, even if the council refuses an application, its case has been weakened, developers will go to appeal and we are more likely to lose another piece of our identity.

THE ELDERLY: I've joined in on lunch clubs, worked on creating soul-mates for the lonely and I've held surgeries giving benefit advice to ensure there is enough support for our older folk.

TRANSPORT: I worked to achieve a new bus route for Dore Avenue so the residents on the slopes are served.

POSTAL SERVICE: I worked with residents to produce a petition of over 1,500 signatures that was presented to Royal Mail to keep Portchester's identity.

THE YOUNG: I focused on getting grants to fund a new youth club which will be opening shortly, and I'm working with youth groups to reduce crime.

THE PRECINCT: I've petitioned our **Conservative** MP to help to reduce business rates and put forward real plans to help our small businesses, whilst working with many agencies to achieve a better deal for the community.

Like many of you, I understand the pressures of life. I work as manager of a bus company and juggle family life, worrying about school places and how to get a doctor's appointment.

Please think about these facts because, as your County Councillor, I can put plans in place to reduce speeding, arrange for new traffic measures along our streets, ease the parking chaos and ensure that a new plan for Portchester's roads is forthcoming.

Liberal Democrats had 40 years to tackle these issues and did nothing.

Whatever the outcome, I promise to continue working for the good of all and to keep Portchester as a community.

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Fazackarley

(Conservative Borough Councillor for Portchester East)



"Thanks Geoff!"

He slept rough, washed cars aged 7 – Geoff knows how tough life can be

People wrongly believe that Conservatives are all born with silver spoons in their mouths.

For me, it was more like a wooden spoon – I was born in the back of a butcher's van on the way to hospital in Portsmouth!

And I didn't have the best of childhoods because mum was unable to walk through arthritis, dad was never home and my big brother bullied me.

As I grew up I worked at every job I could find, washing cars and sweeping floors from the age of 7 to stay alive.

At 16, I found myself on the street living under South Parade Pier and it was only when a kind person walking her dog came across me and gave me a chance that everything changed.

After a couple of jobs and coming back from being a holiday rep at 20, I became a bus driver.

I worked at Chichester bus depot and after being promoted to inspector, a new career beckoned. I'm now a controller for Xelabus in Eastleigh.

In 1994 I met my wife Tina, married in 1998 and moved to Portchester; my son Michael was born in 1999 and little Richard came along in 2002

A very good friend of mine, Charles Livingstone, asked me to help him when he stood for election in Portchester 2008 and I've been hooked ever since.

It's never been an easy road but the one that makes you what you are.

I believe we should all work and nothing should be given or expected. It's not the number of times we get knocked down, but the number of times we get up again that counts.

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'I'm always in touch with what's going on in Portchester'

Conservatives put the elderly at top of social care list

SOCIAL CARE for Hampshire's elderly is in the safest hands – the **CONSERVATIVE** County Council.

The proof lies in the financial facts, says Councillor Geoff Fazackarley

This year, social care costs will increase by £21 million, so we had to make a bold decision to increase council tax by 4.99% to ensure our old folk are properly looked after.

That was the maximum allowed without a referendum and that was what we did at the February budget meeting.

So where did the other parties stand on this vital issue?

Labour: Proposed a 3.99% increase which would have produced a shortfall of £5.3 million.

Liberal Democrats: Voted against the budget, but as usual offered no alternatives as to how it could be funded.

So **Labour** doesn't care enough and the **Lib**



Ladies at Assheton Court, Castle Street discuss social care with Geoff Fazackarley.

Dems don't care at all.

Geoff said: "Nobody likes paying extra council tax, but I could not face the electorate unless everything had been done to protect the elderly in need of social care.

"No one in Hampshire is getting any younger and any one of us might wake up one day needing it.

"Yes, the **CONSERVATIVES** REALLY DO CARE."

Lib Dem leader's tourist tax proposal ridiculed

OVERWHELMING numbers of residents branded a proposal by Portchester County Councillor Roger Price to impose a tourist tax in Fareham as 'preposterous'.

In a poll conducted by The News, 79% of people surveyed said the **Lib Dem** leader's idea was ridiculous. Only 13% supported it.

One trader commented: "This kind of attitude killed Gosport's High Street over night."

Rosemary Parsonage said: "You want to attract tourists, not drive them away."

Portchester **Conservative** County Council candidate Geoff Fazackarley added: "Poor old Roger. He's really lost the plot."

He gives 'belief and hope' say residents



Pat Thorpe, of White Hart Lane: "He breathes life and gives belief and hope to his residents. I for one think he's a marvel!"



David Pointon, chairman of trustees Moving On project: "There are those that say and there are those like Geoff who definitely DO."



Mr and Mrs Bruce, of Northfield Park: "Geoff truly supports the elderly in the community and has fought for our rights. We think he's brilliant."



Anne Sargeant, of Norman Close: "I've lived in Portchester for 45 years and there's never been anyone who has supported me more."

Geoff cares about Portchester

Dore Avenue bus link welcomed



Cheers Geoff: Elderly residents living on the hill slopes now have a weekly free bus from Dore Avenue to Asda, Havant after Geoff got the route changed.

Supporting traders



Tax hike: Traders face a big rise in business rates, so Geoff brought Fareham MP Suella Fernandes to the Precinct to chat to them. She promised take up their cause. She said Geoff would be a much stronger voice for Portchester on the County Council.

Listening to the people: Geoff presented a petition with over 4,000 signatures and called on the Council to support demands to bring Lidl to Portchester. The result of his efforts is the super superstore that opened last December and has proved hugely popular.



Lidl campaign victory

Vital flood defences



Funding needed: Geoff is pushing the Environment Department for the cash needed to strengthen Portchester's crumbling sea defences.

Xmas market



Festive: Geoff supports traders to bring a Christmas market to the Precinct. He's discussing it here with Jeff Clarke.

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