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FAREHAM SOUTH – Summer 2017

Council invests millions in re-birth of town centre



A MULTI-MILLION pound investment could transform Fareham town centre almost beyond recognition over the next 20 years.

Regeneration centred on West Street, Market Quay and opposite ends of town

Woodward described it as ‘a sustainable vision’ that would turn the town centre into a modern 21st Century hub.



will establish a vibrant focus of culture, nightlife, leisure and new retail outlets.

Hundreds of jobs may be created, including 40 next year when the ambitious plan kicks off with completion of a 85-bed hotel above the Shopping Centre for Premier Inn.

Market Quay would come alive at night with a new restaurant complex; more shops, an arts centre, multi-storey car park and hundreds of homes should follow, while many buildings along West Street’s ‘golden mile’ would be remodelled and be taller.

The Council would encourage community groups and businesses to fill vacant premises in the Shopping Centre and precinct.

Council Leader Seán

INVESTMENTS REAP HIGH RETURNS

The hotel is a £8m investment in real estate by the Borough Council, which struck a deal with the Premier Inn chain.

It’s another prudent step by the **Conservative** Council as part of its commercial investment portfolio.

Current return on investments is about 7%, generating over £2m pa; every £60,000 of income equals about 1% off council tax.



It doesn’t stop there. The tatty area around Fareham Station would also be redeveloped with new shops, businesses and community facilities.

At the other end of town, Osborn Road multi-storey car park will be demolished and Lysses car park behind High Street would have residential development up to three-storeys high with private parking.

The Council would also build a cultural and arts centre, a 600-space car park and 150 houses.

It would fund part of the scheme, but the rest would be privately financed by developers with FBC determining planning applications.

Seed changes and a move for meadow that failed to blossom

A WILD FLOWER meadow by Alexandra Grove has not met expectations since it was created in 2012.

Fareham Council put in a lot of work, but the planting failed to establish.

Councillor Dennis Steadman discussed the issue with horticultural development officer Matt Wakefield, who agreed a different approach was needed.

So the project will be moved to another part of Alexandra Grove, between No 46 and the entry to The Gillies.

It’s a smaller area and will pose no problems for people



walking into The Gillies. The current area will return to grassed open space.

Dennis said: “I’m sure it will be welcomed by the community.”

The new meadow will use a different seed mix comprising half hardy annuals which have proved successful elsewhere in the Borough.

It will provide a carpet of colour from June until the frosts and a haven for

insects and wildlife.

PHOTO: Councillors Keith Barton and Dennis Steadman look at the new site for the meadow.



Keith bids for funding
Councillor Keith Barton is trying to get funding for an outside community defibrillator at Fareham Academy.



He says he is also trying to get a Community Action Team grant or other funding towards revamping the Academy's drama studio lighting and resurfacing of a play area.

Fantastic treatment at QA

Dennis Steadman has praised the exemplary treatment he received at Queen Alexandra Hospital where he ended up staying the night after a fall at home.

He said: "It was a fantastic experience. You couldn't fault anything. Thank you so much to my ward nursing staff Mavis Siranda, Lisa McPherson and Mini Joseph – you were wonderful."

"I suggest the extra £7.6m is not withheld from QA because they need it to keep their high standards of care."

Thanks for electing us

County Councillors Peter Latham and Fred Birkett thank you for electing them to Hampshire County Council on May 4 with such tremendous majorities.

They said: "We will do our best to represent you whether you voted Conservative or not."

"There are many challenges facing the County Council, especially financial and a top priority is to continue to deliver excellent services for one of the lowest council taxes in the country."

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Fight goes on for more play equipment

THE ONLY kids' play area in Fareham South desperately needs more equipment.

Councillor Dennis Steadman (pictured), who has been trying to get the Council to provide it for the Crossfell Walk area, has so far been unable to get a definite answer.

He said: "I have recently been in contact with the chairman of Leisure and Community and will put our case for urgent consideration at the July committee meeting."

"I realise funding is difficult these days, but there are times when the thinking should be more for the youngsters and less from the financial side. I will carry on with my fight."



Handrail needs repairs

THE HANDRAIL on the bridge that crosses the stream between Alexander Grove and The Gillies needs repair.

Last year, Dennis Steadman requested the Country-side Officer to check it and include the repainting.

Work is scheduled to be carried out sometime from July onwards.

Dennis said: "I have been told by FBC that it is quite an extensive job and has to be done in the drier season'.

"It's not a job for the winter months as the drying time for Hammerite paint is not overnight."

"It needs warm nights and days to ensure a proper job."

Dennis's rapid response eases residents' danger exit problems



But after being contacted about the issue by Westfield Road resident Paul Sturgess, a scheme was worked out to ease the situation.

Dennis said the exit was narrow and drivers parked right up to the opening, blotting out vision of on-

exit, far enough in each direction to improve vision. It was a fast decision and work was carried out in a week."

Paul commented: "It was dangerous for residents to get out with vehicles so close. On numerous occasions view was obscured by high-sided vehicles."

"I contacted Councillor Steadman and we came up with the solution."

"This is working well, making it safer for motorists and pedestrians. I wish to thank Dennis for his prompt action – all done within a week!"

PHOTO: Paul Sturgess (left) congratulates Dennis Steadman for a job well done.

INDISCRIMINATE parking was making residents' lives a misery in St Michael's Grove.

Councillor Dennis Steadman said it made it difficult and dangerous to exit from the rear entrances of their properties.

coming traffic.

He and Paul attended a site meeting with the Council's Traffic and Design Department.

He said: "A decision was made to have a hammerhead white line restriction across the

£40m M27 junction upgrade

A £40m project to improve a notorious Fareham motorway bottleneck has been revealed by highway bosses.

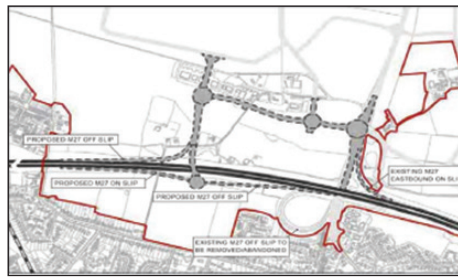
Highways England disclosed plans to transform Junction 10 of the M27 into a full junction to help ease congestion.

It will be delivered in partnership with Buckland Development, principal developers for Welborne.

Currently, traffic can only leave the motorway on the westbound carriageway and join it on the eastbound

carriageway from the A32 Wickham Road.

Under the new plans, there would be an eastbound off and westbound on slip road, which would divert exiting traffic east towards Funtley on the A32.



Fit Fred's Marathon

IT WAS WORTH all those hours of sweat, toil and training.

County Councillor Fred Birkett completed the London Marathon on St George's Day and raised over £1,100 for local charities.

Fred, who trained 4 mornings a week plus weight training sessions, has shared the money between the Highland's Hub and MIND Fareham Wellbeing Centre.



Residents in distress as jobs' discarded fast food brings rats into their gardens



YOBS are bringing rats into gardens by tossing fast food rubbish over a fence.

The garden (pictured) had just been cleaned by its owner when somebody tossed a traffic cone over the fence.

"They have no respect for people or property," said Councillor Dennis Steadman who is trying to get the Council to act.

It's happening in rear gardens between Eden Rise and Gosport Road where half-eaten food, takeaway boxes, fish and chip paper and cans are also being tossed over a high corrugated iron fence.

Dennis said: "The effect of this disgusting, loutish behaviour is evidence of rodents attracted by the discarded food getting into the gardens causing residents a lot of distress."

"It happens in late evenings, making it harder to capture the incidents and bring the culprits to book."

He informed Streetscene enforcement officers who promised to include the area on their rounds and the street cleansing driver has also been alerted to increase his visits.

Councillors' surgeries

Keith Barton and Dennis Steadman will be holding regular monthly surgeries for residents, starting on Saturday, September 23 at 10am to 12pm.

Dates for the next ones will be Wednesdays, October 18 and November 15, 6pm to 8pm.

The venue is the small dance studio at Fareham, Academy.

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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.

Brexit Bills will kick-start the EU leaving process

Brexit is now underway and the UK is officially leaving the European Union.

Parliament voted to trigger Article 50 in March, starting the process of withdrawal.



The Queen's Speech in June reflected the opportunity ahead for the UK and included:

- A Repeal Bill to provide legal certainty as we leave.
- An Immigration Bill giving us control over the number of people coming here from Europe.
- A Trade Bill and a new Customs Bill to enable the UK to conduct its own independent Trade policy, helping British businesses trade with thriving global markets.
- A Fisheries Bill and an Agriculture Bill so that we can make a success of Brexit.

Suella

FERNANDES MP for Fareham



Record vote share for Conservatives in General Election

I WAS DELIGHTED to receive the ringing endorsement from the voters of Fareham at the General Election.

Serving in Parliament is an honour and I am grateful to all those who placed their trust in the Conservatives to make Fareham and our country a better place to live.

Over 35,000 people voted Conservative in Fareham – an increase of over 5,000 since 2015- consisting of 63% of the vote which was the largest share since 1935.

Thank you to my wonderful team of volunteers who canvassed, delivered and helped at my events to make it possible.

Particular thanks must go to Councillor Susan Bayford who acted as my Election Agent and Campaign Manager.

Nationally, we would have liked a better result.



Victory: Conservatives celebrate an historic win by Suella after the count at Fareham Hall on June 8.

Now that a confidence and supply arrangement has been reached with the DUP, we can all get behind Theresa May to lead our country through Brexit and the challenges ahead.

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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/contact

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

Fareham Community Hospital Taskforce update

I am pleased that local GPs, supported by the Clinical Commissioning Group, are planning to offer a Same Day Access Service at Fareham Community Hospital.

This will involve GPs and nurses being available from 8am to 8pm to see patients from across the Borough who need to help that day, alleviating the burden on other surgeries and meeting the local demand.

Politics in the Pub

I was delighted to see so many local residents join me for a pint and a chat about politics at The Cormorant, Portchester.

We discussed the General Election, young people, jobs and Brexit. To hear about my events, sign up to my newsletter by sending an email to suella@suellafernandes.co.uk

Digby Jones comes to Fareham

I run a network of small and medium sized businesses in our local area called the Solent Business Forum, ably assisted by Tim Geoghegan.

Lord Digby Jones recently spoke to the Forum about how business can make the most of trade and investment opportunities. Drop me an email if you run a business in Fareham and want to come along.

