



InTouch

FAREHAM WEST – 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 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 Woodward described it as 'a sustainable vision' that would turn the town centre into a modern 21st Century hub.

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, the rest being financed by developers with FBC determining planning.



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.



Junction 10 gets £40m upgrade

A major £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 as part of plans to ease congestion in Fareham.

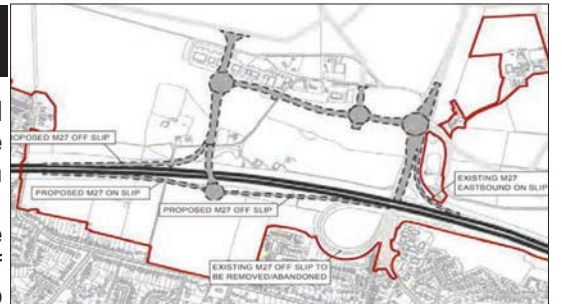
It will be delivered by Highways England in partnership with Buckland Development, principal developers for Welborne which it will serve.

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 a new eastbound off and westbound on slip road to divert exiting the M27 east towards Funtley on the A32.

The new junction will be on existing highway land, allowing direct access to the M27 from west Fareham and Welborne without having to travel



onto the wider highway network.

Highways England is spending £250m next year on a Smart motorway between J4 and J11, but they have not yet factored in the junction 10 changes.



NEWS ROUND

Thanks for electing us
County Councillors Geoff Hockley and Pal Hayre 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."

"Many challenges face 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."

Useful numbers

- Police 101 and 999 emergency
- FBC 01329 236100, Emergency out of hours 0800 374485 (Includes noise problems)
- HCC 0300 555 1375
- RSPCA 0300 1234 999
- Community safety teams 01329 824496
- Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
- Trading standards & consumer advice 0345 404 0506
- Southern Domestic Abuse Service 01329 285375
- Neighbourhood Watch Office (Tues only) 0791 901 5083

Pick up your dog poo



The owner of this bungalow is so incensed that the green verge and area in front of his house in Anjou Crescent are being used as a dog toilet and the owners are not cleaning it up that he has posted this notice in his hedge.

We remind dirty dog owners that if you're caught you'll have to pay a £100 penalty.

A switch in time for sub stations

PEOPLE living in Priory Road and surrounding area were surprised to see the sub station of the Scottish and Southern Energy Power being dismantled and replaced by a new one.

They had not been having problems with their electricity supply so could not understand the reason behind the replacement.

Councillor Leslie Keeble spoke with the workmen who told him that it was part of their programme to replace older sub stations with modern ones which will last for the next 50 years.



One weed spray a year is 'false economy'

RESIDENTS are annoyed that the County Council has reduced weed spraying to once a year.

"It's prevalent across the ward," says Councillor Tina Ellis, who took the photo in Ferneham Road.

"It's a false economy. Look at the damage being done to the path and gutters," she said.

Geoffrey Lanegan, from Abbeyfield Drive, called Leslie Keeble out to see the weed growth in and around both gutters, storm drains and joints in the road.

It's going to cost much more money to repair the damage to the Tarmac than the cost of the second spray.

Leslie and Tina fully support this view and have raised the issue with county councillors.



Keep your wheels off our pavements and verges



VEHICLES are continuing to cause damage where they shouldn't be driven – on pavements and verges.



Councillors Leslie Keeble and Tina Ellis say they are frequently called upon by residents complaining about the problem.

Readers may recall photos we published in the spring edition of damage caused to the corner of Abbey Road. Dragon's teeth had to be installed.

Leslie said bollards in East Street were extended to protect the pavement from damage caused by lorries delivering to The Red Lion and businesses say they are grateful for the action.

Large piles of bricks appeared on the verge in Meadowbank Road and stayed there for several days before Leslie contacted HCC who took action.

He said: "Drivers should be aware that nothing must be stacked on verges or pavements without the County Council's approval."

"Tina and I are grateful to residents who keep us informed."



PHOTOS: 1 Abbey Road. Bollards erected to protect the verge where damage is clearly evident.

2 East Street, Fareham. Posts erected to stop lorries parking on the pavement to unload.

3 Meadowbank Road. A builder decided the verge was a good place to store his materials.

Mother opens new café in memory of her son



A MOTHER opened a café in Anjou Crescent in memory of her son, Mitchel, who died 10 years ago.

Councillor Tina Ellis says the café offers a great opportunity for Fareham West residents to potter to the shops, have a meal and meet people without travelling too far.

Customers are assured of a warm welcome from owner Tamara Lording and it has already become a popular local venue.

For a small charge local delivery is available for those unable to get a meal for themselves.

"Small business is vital to the local economy. We wish her all the best," added Tina

PHOTO: Tina popped in for a coffee and a chat with Tamara

Transport boss bows to protests

THE cabinet member for transport has agreed to remove the crossing at Station Roundabout.

It follows pressure from objectors and County Councillors Peter Latham and Fred Birkett (pictured).

It had been installed to mitigate the closure of the subway last year.

When it reopened consideration was given to making the crossing

permanent. At the meeting Councillor Latham said the purpose of the extensive road works was to improve traffic flow.

A permanent crossing was an unnecessary expense and hindered traffic flow rather than improve it.



Roads in poor condition

ERNEST, known as Snowy, has alerted Leslie and Tina to the poor surface in Southmead Road.

Leslie says Southmead Road is just one of many in the ward whose surfaces and pavements need repairs.

"Many residents told us during recent canvassing they cannot understand why so much is spent on Overseas Aid when they have to make do with such conditions."

Leslie said: "Hampshire Highways can do only so much with the money they get from government. Perhaps we can help by writing to our MP."



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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.

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.

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.

