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# InTouch

**PARK GATE & PRIORY PARK – Summer 2017**

As developers run riot across the Hamble in **Lib Dem** controlled Eastleigh...

## Planned strategy to prevent Fareham building free-for-all

**DEVELOPERS** are climbing on the bandwagon after pressure to provide over 2,000 more homes on greenfield sites by 2036 is forcing Fareham Council to rewrite its Borough Plan.

Blame for the crisis rests squarely on landowners' shoulders for being already 3 years late in bringing forward development of Welborne.

By the time the first homes are occupied there it will be 4 years late, hence the provision of fewer than 6,000 by 2036.

Meantime, developers have inundated planning officers in a frenzied offer of over 100 greenfield sites with a total of over 10,000 houses – 1,500 of them in Park Gate and Sarisbury. This does not include Welborne.

### Importance of Welborne

Council Leader Seán Woodward explained: "We are rolling forward the Borough local plan outside Welborne from 2026 to 2036. We would obviously need extra homes in that period.

"Welborne will still help protect greenfield sites. Without Welborne we would need sites for a further 6,000



houses which would use a lot more than a few additional greenfield sites.

"Because Welborne will be 4 years late it could threaten our 5-year housing land supply, meaning we would lose every planning appeal if we do not make new allocations now."

### Running riot

It's happening in **Lib Dem** controlled Eastleigh where they don't have a local plan and developers are running riot

Fareham was required to review its two strategic countryside gaps and

conduct an early review of its local plan, which is now under way.

"The housing we are allocating is for Fareham's assessed housing need. These are not externally imposed figures, but are our own needs and not open to challenge.

"We have over 1,000 families on our waiting list today; many more will join over the next 20 years."

### New strategy

Officers are now reviewing every site to determine which are the most viable, deliverable and sustainable so as to prepare a strategy.

Importantly, Fareham can still use its existing plan to exercise judgement on the current need for greenfield sites. Such applications are being refused.

Park Gate Councillors Brian Bayford and Simon Martin (pictured) have been keeping a close eye on these housing needs and the possible impacts.

"We will continue to closely monitor the situation going forward and campaign strongly against any excessive or inappropriate development that may be proposed in our area."

## Innovation Centre impresses The Princess Royal

**A ROYAL** visitor gave her seal of approval to Fareham's successful Innovation Centre when she visited Daedalus to start centenary celebrations of flying from the former Fleet Air Arm HQ.

HRH The Princess Royal is pictured being welcomed by Fareham Council Leader Seán Woodward.

She was impressed to learn about the airfield's history and how the burgeoning Solent Enterprise Zone is

helping to create 3,500 jobs.

She also toured CEMAST and met members of the Marine Coastguard Agency, before presenting the chief executive's Volunteer of the Year Award to Mike Saunders, who served in HM Coastguard for 46 years and helped save many lives after responding to 3,000 incidents.

The Princess unveiled a plaque and cut a celebration cake made by Fareham Council worker Andrea Cripps,

whose granddaughter, Lydia (4), presented her with a smaller version.

There will be a celebration of 100 years of flying at Daedalus on September 16. Tickets available on line, at Ferneham Hall and the control tower.



**Almost England's lowest district council tax – thanks to CONSERVATIVES**





**Seán thanks voters**  
County Councillor Seán Woodward thanks you for re-electing him to Hampshire County Council on May 4 with such a tremendous majority. He said: "I will do my best to represent you whether you voted Conservative or not."  
"There are many challenges facing the County Council, especially financial, and top priority is to continue to deliver excellent services for one of the lowest council taxes in the country."

**Weeding needed**  
Weed control on our highways is the County Council's responsibility and they pay Fareham to undertake one weed spray treatment per year. Councillor Simon Martin says it's not enough in many areas and complaints from residents are increasing. "If you have specific areas causing concern, contact us and we will raise this with Hampshire County Council."

**Worthy causes grants**  
County Councillor Seán Woodward has £8,000 available for grants to worthy causes in Sarisbury Division. Last year, he awarded the following:  
•Cage 4 All CIC - living well with dementia through cricket £500  
•Y-Services bus £6,000  
•Swanwick Seals sauna £600  
•Bursledon Brickworks wildlife garden refurbishment £500  
•Whiteley Community Pre-school sensory garden £1,000  
Contact Seán to discuss your project and for details of how to apply.



SIGN4FUN – sign music for the hard of hearing - were delighted to receive £900 for sweatshirts and a music system.

**Bowls club hosts Chelsea Pensioners**

THEY stood proudly as if on parade, their world-famous red coats contrasting with the billiard table green at Lockswood Bowling Club. The club was honoured to host the Chelsea Pensioners at Priory Park in June. This friendly club has almost 200 members and its latest project is to provide additional changing facilities.



Councillor Simon Martin said: "The gardens are a joy to behold, having won the gold medal for five consecutive years in the Fareham in Bloom Community Garden competition."

Members appreciate the Borough Council's financial help to replace the artificial bowling surface and provision of a new conservatory. Anyone interested in joining should contact the membership secretary 02380 573881 or visit the web site www.lockswoodbc.org.uk.

**Y-Bus hits Fareham streets**

A YELLOW double deck bus is a familiar sight in the Borough.

Y-Services youth charity was given the bus after Councillor Seán Woodward approached First's MD, Marc Reddy.

The Volvo Olympian was brought from Cornwall, First made it roadworthy and fundraisers fitted it out with a kitchen, soft play area and painted it in the distinctive yellow and black livery.

Seán Woodward was delighted to help an 'amazing charity' to achieve their dream. His County Council grant of £6,000 went a long way towards fitting it out.

**PHOTO:** The Y-Bus is officially launched.



**Visitors flock to the manor reborn**



**HISTORIC Coldeast Mansion has been officially opened as a hotel and functions centre after a multi-million pound restoration.**

It was opened for viewing for one day recently when visitors had a tour of the building. The ground floor has a large number of function rooms, while the first and second floors have been developed as very high quality apartments for holiday lets and for persons visiting functions. There are 36 studio and one-bedroom apartments.

Unfortunately some of the windows (including stained glass) were vandalised recently and are under repair.

According to NHS records, the mansion was bought by the Montefiore family who owned it until the late 19th Century.

During WW1 it was used as a hospital for wounded servicemen and later in the mid 1920s as a hospital for persons with learning difficulties.



The ground floor was used for staff and doctors, the first floor for student nurse training and the second floor for student nurse accommodation.

It was closed in 1997 as part of the Care in the Community philosophy.

It was a 'home from home' for Councillor Brian Bayford, who worked there for the NHS, and by coincidence he is pictured (left) next to Susan Bayford in his old office describing details of the history of the mansion to some of the visitors.

**Developers dig themselves into a hole**

**WEEKS of disruption were caused by developers of a site on the corner of Station Road and Botley Road.**

With no regard for the stability of the road, contractors started digging deeper and deeper without providing any support for Station Road.

County Councillor Seán Woodward called Hampshire Highways inspectors to the site, followed by visits from the Health and Safety Executive.

He said: "One lane of Station Road was

closed for weeks while proper equipment was brought in at the developer's expense to make the road structure safe.

"Not only was this a huge disruption for commuters but it also caused significant reductions in customers for local businesses."



**Traffic problem continues**

**Hampshire County Council has relocated the bus stop at Bridge Road.**

However, the problems of traffic turning right out of the Sainsburys Local continues.

Councillor Simon Martin said the County Council was planning some work to try to improve the situation.

"But it will not put in any central reservations as it is

being argued that this prevents delivery vehicles turning into the store.

"The County is planning some additional works and are considering a painted 'ghost Island' to try to reduce the potential for accidents.

"The pressure on the County continues and we will update you with any news as we try to resolve this problem."

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**Sheila is delighted to show off her fine new home at Sylvan Court**



**SHEILA MALTBY was so delighted with her new home at Sylvan Court, she wanted to thank the Borough Council for making it happen.**

So she invited Councillor Brian Bayford to come and see for himself.

She is pictured chatting to him in the delightful living room with her balcony inset.

Sylvan Court is a Borough Council-owned and funded sheltered homes project for Fareham residents over 60 with a medical condition, who can live independently on site but with a degree of support.

It was formally opened this month. Brian was responsible for setting up the original review of all sheltered housing in Fareham.

As a result, some has been upgraded and others replaced. Sylvan Court is the latest new development and cost the Borough Council £5.5m.

Sylvan Court lies in beautiful surroundings on the old Coldeast Hospital site and has been built to a very high standard, providing 36 flats with their own balcony or patio.

Among the facilities is a lounge, activity room, hairdresser's and communal gardens.

Brian praised the Conservative Council's imaginative design. "I hope it won't be long before it's fully occupied," he added.

**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 Park Gate Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Please phone Brian Bayford on 01489 577772.

**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.



## 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 Ferneham 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](http://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](mailto: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.

