



**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 re-write 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 – 1,000 of them in Portchester. 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.



Miller Homes are targeting Winnham Farm east of Downend Road for 350 houses.

"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.

Portchester East Councillor Geoff Fazackarley said: "It is a planned approach to the 'what, where and when', not a developers' free-for-all. I promise to monitor closely the developing situation and will strongly resist excessive or inappropriate development that may be proposed in Portchester area.

"As a local resident, I share the concerns about the pressures that excessive development brings to the roads, schools and other public services."

## **Mounting anger as Lidl dishes out £90 car parking penalties**

**LIDL management is under fire from angry customers for dishing out £90 penalties for overstaying time in the car park at their new Portchester superstore.**

Councillor Geoff Fazackarley said: "I'm sick to death of hearing how they treat their customers. The number of people getting a £90 ticket for staying longer than 90 minutes is crazy.

"There are a lot of elderly people here and they can't run around a shop. Most supermarkets have a 3-hour limit, why can't do that in Portchester? Obviously they don't care about their customers

"I've had numerous calls saying there are few staff around, self-checkouts not working and people having to wait 45 minutes to be served.

"I went there twice to try to discuss the issue with management, but nobody was available, so I have emailed Lidl head office. It's a disgrace."

Geoff, who played a key part in presenting the huge petition from residents to the Council calling for plans for the store to be approved, added:

"The community helped to bring Lidl here and this is how they repay us."



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My sincere thanks

Geoff Fazackarley sincerely thanks the 2,504 Portchester residents who supported him in the May 4 County Council elections.

"I lost by only 144 votes and took 1,100 votes from the Lib Dems after a superb effort by my small team.

"Many challenges face the Conservative-led 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."

Charity teas

Fareham Mayor Geoff Fazackarley has arranged the following series of Thursday tea parties, starting at 2.30pm, to raise funds for his charities – the Moving on Project and Sam's Haven.

**September 7** Charles Haskell, managing director of the WW1 Remembrance Centre, gives an insight into this wonderful centre.

**October 5** Ray Gibson will discuss the life of Glenn Miller – a popular presentation and spaces are limited.

**November 2** Ted Cook presents 'The 7 Years' War', which is outstanding as he brings his own sense of history to the event.

Mayor tugs the bus

Watch out for Mayor Geoff Fazackarley on September 9 when he takes off his robes and chain to pull a bus through the town centre for his charities.

It coincides with Fareham's 'Bye-gone Day', which was well attended last year and attracts a collection of vintage vehicles.

Access All Areas

The popular summer play scheme will take place again this year at various locations and times across Fareham from July 27 to August 31.

All activities are free and open to 11 to 16-year-olds who live in the Borough.

Young performers put on a dazzling show

YOUNG performers from Y-Services youth charity delighted Fareham Mayor Geoff Fazackarley with a dazzling show.

He said: "I want to show how Y-Services is helping our young people to be confident and responsible adults."

The Y-Services yellow double deck bus is becoming a familiar sight across town.

It was donated by First after an approach to managing director Marc Reddy by Council Leader Seán Woodward, who gave a £6,000 grant from his county 'good causes' budget to help fit it out, but Portchester Lib Dem County Councillor Roger Price refused to contribute.



Double parking action

BUSINESSES contacted Geoff about cars double-parked outside their premises on Castle Trading Estate.

He tackled the issue immediately and the Council took enforcement action. "We will continue to monitor the situation," he said.

PHOTO: Geoff and the InTouch team went to see for themselves.



Geoff and InTouch team roll up their sleeves



HE SHOOK hands with Princess Anne at Daedalus in July (inset).

But Fareham Mayor Geoff Fazackarley is usually among the first to get them dirty to help a community effort.

It costs the Council £1m pa to clear up litter, so Geoff and InTouch team Trevor Alford and Jeff Clark helped to clean around Portchester Castle.

Mayor unveils new community defibrillator



A NEW defibrillator was unveiled at Portchester Community Centre by Councillor Geoff Fazackarley in one of his first duties as Fareham's new Mayor.

The life-saving equipment was provided as part of an initiative by the Council to see them installed in public buildings across the Borough.

Some centres have received funding from the Council, others have had help with installation and staff training.

The aim is to ensure that every Council-owned community centre has its own machine. Youth groups and local residents have also been trained to use the defibrillators in case of emergency.

The Mayor said: "Each year 75,000 people die from sudden cardiac arrest in the UK, but chances of survival increase dramatically if someone is treated with a defibrillator quickly. It's fantastic that we have able to support the installation of this life-saving equipment across the Borough, it gives peace of mind knowing that they are available should they be needed."

Portchester Community Centre manager Carol

Mertens said: "We're delighted to have this new defibrillator installed. It's an important safety asset for the local community.

"As a busy community centre, with activities for young and old, it's reassuring to know the defibrillator is here if needed.

Several members of our staff have already taken the training to use the defibrillator, and because it is situated on the outside of the building, it is available for use in the wider area, too."

There are also defibrillators in the Civic Offices, the depot in Wallington and Ferneham Hall and the Council has been running a series of training sessions for its own staff on how to use these machines, in which more than 80 officers have taken part.

PHOTO: The Mayor unveils the defibrillator with Carol Martens, centre manager.

Multi-million town centre re-birth

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 on culture, nightlife, leisure and shopping.

Hundreds of jobs may be created, including 40 next year when the ambitious plan kicks off with completion of a 85-bed £8m 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. Many buildings along West Street would be remodelled and be taller.

The tatty area around the station would be redeveloped with new shops, businesses and community facilities.

Lysse's car park would have residential development up to 3 storeys high.

Larger school to meet pupil demand

PORTCHESTER Northern Junior School will have to be enlarged to cater for a rise in pupil numbers.

The proposal is to offer 60 places for Year 3 (age 7+) enabling the school to cater for a total of 240 pupils.

It arises after additional pupils were admitted to the infant school in 2016 and it is intended the changes will be in place for the 2019 academic year.

Where a local authority proposes to enlarge a school's capacity by 25% or more, it has to follow a procedure laid

down by the Department for Education and hold a 'principle of enlargement' public consultation.

Hampshire County Council held the public consultation from June 12 to July 24, when comments were submitted.

Officers will take these into consideration before moving to the next stage, which will be the publication of the statutory public notice.

If it is approved to move to the next stage, this should be published in September.



Geoff teamed up with Mayor's chaplain Ian Meredith to try to get funding and the right person to be an outreach worker to help people with mental health problems. "We have several residents who need our help and we are going to deliver it," he said.



One of Geoff's election promises was to clean the centre stone on the roundabout. He, Trevor and Jeff did the job.

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## 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.

