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SARISBURY – 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 Sarisbury and Park Gate. 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.

Sarisbury Councillors Seán Woodward, pictured discussing plans with residents, and Jon Butts 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."



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 several function rooms, while the first and second floors have been developed as high quality apartments for

holiday lets and persons visiting functions.

There are 36 studio and one-bedroom apartments.

According to NHS records, the mansion was owned by the Montefiore family 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.

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

PHOTO: Seán Woodward cuts the tape.



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."
"Many challenges face 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."

Volunteers needed
Could you spare a couple of hours a week to help Swanwick Community Speedwatch group?

Speedwatch started locally in Burridge after Councillor Seán Woodward gave a grant to buy the equipment. Groups were then set up across Fareham made up of people keen to work with the police to reduce traffic speeds in their communities.

For more information or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, email sophie.carter.16321@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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



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

Mansion needs a new use

WHAT is to be done with this historic building and its garden?

Holly Hill Mansion, built in the woodland park by George Winn for his family, stands empty. It had been home for older people needing support, but has been replaced by the new luxury Sylvan Court.

Councillor Seán Woodward invited residents' views: "Should it be commercial or residential? Let us know your ideas."



Amazing play area

A SUPERB £264,000 play area has been built at Coldeast Woodland Park, beside Holly Hill Leisure Centre.

Some equipment was chosen by local children from Sarisbury primary schools, who also chose objects to be placed in 25-year time capsules to be buried under the park.

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "This will be the most amazing playpark in the Borough. The children are going to love it as evidenced by their gasps when we showed them a virtual fly-through video."



"We will hopefully all be coming back to dig up the time capsules and they will be able to explain their treasures to their own children in 2042."

Humps, a chicane and flashing signs to cut speeds

TRAFFIC CALMING measures are now completed to enhance the Yew Tree Drive scheme and to implement a scheme on Swanwick Lane.

These take into account the opening of Yew Tree Drive to all traffic which significantly increased the number of vehicles on both roads. While traffic calming will not reduce the volume it is hoped it will reduce the speeds.

YEW TREE DRIVE

The full scheme comprises new speed cushions, existing ones repaired, improved left turn radius from Clydesdale Road into Yew Tree Drive, repainting of all road markings and flashing speed limit signs.

It has resulted in significant speed reductions, which now average less than 30mph for the entire road length, largely due to drivers having to line up their vehicles to pass over the humps.

Full-width road humps are not supported by the emergency services or the public transport providers and seldom used on distributor roads.

SWANWICK LANE

A major chicane was installed near the motorway bridge where speeding occurred, plus a series of build-outs, traffic islands and a significant road widening to assist more vehicles to turn left at the junction with Bridge Road (A27).

With the flashing speed reminder signs, this represents all that can be provided on the road with one exception— speed cushions.

Unfortunately, the County Council's maintenance officers were concerned about speed cushions being damaged on rare occasions by snow ploughs.

However, an assurance was given to County Councillor Seán Woodward that speed cushions

in Yew Tree Drive will be monitored when the next snowfall occurs; if they survive unscathed, then they will be installed in Swanwick Lane.

BOTLEY ROAD

A commitment was given that once Yew Tree Drive and Swanwick Lane traffic calming schemes were completed, a study would be carried out on Botley Road through Park Gate, Swanwick and Burridge to see what further traffic calming may be possible.

Seán Woodward said: "I am pleased that these two significant traffic calming schemes are now complete."

"The challenge is always to be able to implement measures when everyone wants traffic calming but nobody wants the features outside their homes."

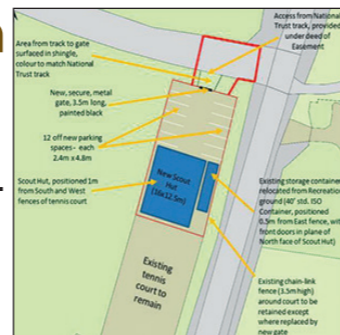
"There will be a safety audit carried out shortly to identify whether any minor changes are necessary."

Scouts' log cabin plan

EXCITING times lie ahead for 1st Sarisbury Scout Group who hope to begin work on their new log cabin-style hut near Burridge Village Hall in the next year. The plan is pictured (right).

Plans have been discussed with local residents and terms drafted with the Borough Council for leasing the land, currently occupied by a tennis court.

The 100-year-old group is well supported locally and is trying to raise funds for the cabin, towards which they are hoping for a £5,000 grant from the County Council and a community grant from the Borough Council.



Y-Bus hits the 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

PHOTO: The Y-Bus is officially towards fitting it out.

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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



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

result.

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.

