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TITCHFIELD, TITCHFIELD COMMON & CATISFIELD – 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 – 1,200 of them in Titchfield and Titchfield Common. 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



Councillor Tiffany Harper is happy that developers can't get their hands on this area around the old barn at Titchfield, which will be protected as a country park.

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.

Ward Councillors Connie Hockley, Tiffany Harper and Sarah Pankhurst 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.



NEWS ROUND



Thanks for electing us

County Councillors Geoff Hickley and Keith Evans 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."

Quiz night fun

Titchfield Conservatives will hold a quiz night at The Queen's Head, Titchfield on Saturday, November 11.

It costs £12 a head, to include a meal (with veggie option).

Tickets from Connie, Geoff or Tiffany.

Speed flashes

Flashing speed limit signs are being used around the ward to remind drivers of the 30mph limit.

Councillor Sarah Pankhurst says the problem is to educate drivers and she has been working with the Borough Council and residents to remind them of their legal obligations.

Speed Limit Reminder equipment (SLR) has been moved around the Western Wards and, although the equipment does not lead to penalties, it makes drivers aware when they are over the limit and encourages them to slow down.

Aiming for an award

Titchfield village residents decided to enter this year's South & South East Regional In Bloom Competition.

An inspirational group set up a working group and July 10 was the culmination of all their hard work when the judges arrived to mark the entry of 'Titchfield in Bloom'.

Results be known on September 20.

Flooding solved, roads clear for adoption

FORMAL adoption processes are well under way for roads at Tanner's Gate.

They had been delayed until severe flooding problems had been solved.

Councillor Sarah Pankhurst met developers Highwoods and First Wessex a year ago to discuss a solution.

She said: "Thanks to the hard work of both developers, the storm drainage issues were resolved and I then agreed and supported the reinstatement of formal adoption of the roads by Hampshire County Council."

The lengthy legal procedure involves land on the first phase of the site. There has been no approach made to HCC regarding the second phase with developers Per-simmon..

PHOTO: No more of this. Flooding problems have been solved..



Y-Bus hits the 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.

PHOTO: Launch ceremony.

Grateful residents thank Sarah for solving parking and access problems



RESIDENTS of Birchen Close have praised Councillor Sarah Pankhurst for solving a parking problem.

They needed a dedicated parking area and there was also concern from elderly people in the sheltered accommodation about limited access for ambulances.

Councillor Pankhurst said: "Some of the area's green space was used to provide much needed dedicated parking with disabled bays."

"There is also provision for vehicular turnaround and therefore much needed space for ambulances to have easy access."

"Only in the last week ambulances had attended and found the site easier to turn around."

Residents Jean and Ken Clay, who are pictured showing Sarah some of the improvements, said: "Our car park has now been finished and we are already finding it greatly beneficial."

"The increased turning space has made it much easier for taxis to pick up and we no longer have to reverse out of or into the close which makes it a lot safer."

"Thank you very much Sarah for getting this done for us."



Mayor had to make do with a flight of fancy

IT WAS a mayoral year packed with excitement and never a dull moment..

Only one wish didn't quite come true for Connie Hockley – she really fancied a flight in a helicopter.

"I had to make do with sitting at the controls of an old one used by students at CEMAST College," she said.

However, Connie and her consort, husband Geoff, enjoyed every minute and described it as 'a truly wonderful year, meeting so many interesting and community-minded residents'.

"The one word that kept popping into my head was **Volunteer**. We are so blessed by the many folk who give their time and energy to run various organisations, be it luncheon clubs or service clubs. The list is endless."

"So on behalf of all the residents of Fareham, Geoff and I would like to



repeat our sincere thanks for all the work undertaken by **Volunteers**; we would all be the poorer without them.

"We were fortunate enough to pay a visit to our twinned towns of Pulheim in Germany and I spent 4 days in Vannes in France. Both visits were interesting and informative as it is always useful to see how other similar sized towns run their affairs."

"Fund-raising for my chosen charities – Y-Services and Breast Cancer Haven – was extremely successful. Thank you to everyone who supported the various fund-raising events; very shortly we will be able to hand over substantial

cheques to these charities.

"We are not sure where the year went – but we have some wonderful memories that we will treasure for ever."

£30,000 grant to tackle food waste

FAREHAM has received £30,000 funding from Sainsbury's as part of the supermarket's 'Waste less, save more' campaign.

The project works with local communities, led by a group or the council.

Councillor Tiffany Harper says Fareham was chosen to be one of 160 communities across Britain and successfully bid for a share of the £1m.

"A Food Saver Champion will be recruited to work on our behalf on the project, which is also supported by Hampshire County Council."

"We will encourage everyone to submit ideas and recipes, and short video clips to feature on social media."

"We will run a competition for local schools to design a bag for restaurants to encourage diners to take home any food they cannot finish."

New housing tenants will be given Welcome Packs to help make the most of food they buy, and a Packed Lunch Rescue will help parents avoid waste.

Initial focus will be on one refuse collection round in Fareham South, where amounts of waste can be monitored.

Work starts on retirement village

A LUXURY retirement 'village' is being built in Titchfield.

The ground-breaking ceremony was performed by Fareham Mayor Councillor Geoff Fazackarley, watched by Councillors Connie Hockley and Tiffany Harper, County Councillor Geoff Hockley and Titchfield Village Trust members.

Friary Meadow, situated off Cartwright Drive, will comprise 86 homes, ranging from 2-bedroom apartments, 3-bedroom town houses and 2-bedroom bungalows.

There will also be an on-site restaurant and coffee shop..



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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 the whole community. Contact us any time and we'll respond personally within 48 hours. If you'd like to join Titchfield Branch of Fareham Conservative Association for political and social events or help to deliver InTouch in your street, call Sarah Pankhurst on 0770 1393 396.

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

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.

