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TITCHFIELD, TITCHFIELD COMMON & CATISFIELD – Autumn 2017

Extra 3,100 homes plan goes for consultation amid protest storm

AMID A STORM of controversy and protests, the vital new draft Fareham Plan was approved by the Executive for public consultation

It followed heated debates, deputations from residents and objections from councillors whose wards will be affected.

It covers the period 2011 to 2036 to include the Welborne element and extends the rest of the Borough from 2026 to 2036 – an extra 10 years – to have a single terminus date.

And it is essential to prevent scores of developers climbing on the bandwagon in a free-for-all as happened in **Lib Dem** controlled Eastleigh.

Councillor Keith Evans, executive member for planning and development, said housing requirements were co-ordinated by local councils participating in the South Hampshire area using a premeditated formula.

The method covers aspects such as population growth, age, household sizes and economic growth.

Fareham's requirement for the plan period is 8,300 houses and 85,000 sq metres of employment space.

He said: "We are 6 years into this timeline so some of the houses and some employment space has already been delivered or agreed.

"The net balance for which sites need to be identified and agreed are around 3,100 houses and 13,000 sq m of employment space.

"Developers and landowners have submitted over 200 sites to be considered, but if all these were used, we would have an extra 10,000 to 11,000 houses and an extra 65,000 sq metres of employment space. We have prioritised using brownfield sites in the town centre.

Council officers faced the massive task to assess

each site's suitability, sustainability and developability with reference to other bodies such as education and health.

Many sites were rejected with others identified with varying degrees of suitability, leading to development of a planning strategy with a 3-pronged approach:

- 1 Large (or clustered) sites that would enable delivery of community benefits.

This resulted in proposed sites in Warsash (700 homes), Titchfield (400 homes), town centre (600 homes), North Portchester (350 homes), South Portchester (350 homes) and Stubbington (475 homes)

- 2 The balance (about 500 houses) from smaller sites

- 3 Try to spread the burden and impact across the Borough

The plan is a statutory requirement to meet annual housebuilding aims of the political parties.

In fact, **Conservatives** have the smallest target of 200,000 homes, while the **Lib Dems** want to build 300,000.

The consultation period ends on December 8 with all responses being considered in the preparation of the formal plan to be published by next summer.

This will be subject to further consultation before

everything is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate to arrange a public examination, probably at the end of 2018.

He added: "Any Borough Plan is contentious and frequently unwelcome to many, it brings changes to locations and areas, some good and welcome, but others, such as increased road traffic, not so welcome.

"I strongly urge all residents to find time to read the plan and respond to the consultations."

The plan with all supporting documents is available online and paper copies in libraries and the Civic offices.

The table below shows the total number of houses on sites across the Borough on which developers want to build. Most will have to be defended at public inquiries.

Fareham N	304	Portchester E	103
Fareham NW	133	Portchester W	921
Fareham E	785	Sarisbury	1,124
Fareham S	0	Stubbington	2,302
Fareham W	254	Titchfield	1,161
Hill Head	198	Titchfield Common	438
Locks Heath	0	Warsash	2,698
Park Gate	64	TOTAL	10,485

Conservatives stress the importance of affordable homes.

We have over 1,000 Fareham families on the housing waiting list needing Fareham homes.

These could be for rent (council housing @ 60% market rent, housing association @ 80% market rent), shared equity (part rent part buy), starter homes at a 20% discount on market value or even self-build.

*See Fareham Today Special at <https://tinyurl.com/y8f3f54t>

NEWS ROUND



Traffic management contacts

Councillor Sarah Pankhurst has been advised that for all traffic management problems, residents should contact the Highways Department at Hampshire County Council or County Councillor Geoff Hockley.

If the Speed Limit Reminder is required, contact your local ward councillors who will arrange for the equipment to be placed in the necessary location.

SLRs tell drivers of the maximum speed limit but do not record vehicle or driver details. This equipment is in high demand so there is usually a waiting list.

New advice location

Citizens Advice Fareham has been operating out of Fareham Library for many years, offering a marvellous free service to local residents.

Trained volunteers provide support to all residents of the Borough and it is now providing a local service in the Lockwood Library, Locks Heah on Tuesdays 10am to 2pm when residents can speak to an advisor face to face.

This new service will provide free, confidential and impartial advice to people on their rights and responsibilities.

The Manor reborn

Fareham's Westbury Manor museum reopened in July after £665,000 refurbishment.

The new museum, which will be managed by the Hampshire Cultural Trust, has become a vibrant culture hub in the town centre.

On the first floor, three galleries tell the story of the town's rich heritage from its origins as a Stone Age settlement to the infamous work scandal of 1837 and its long traditions of strawberry growing and brickmaking.

The reception area and café were also remodelled and a shop selling Hampshire produce introduced, while the second floor was turned into creative studios suitable for a local start-up business with a cultural theme.

New 'same-day' GP appointments service

A NEW SERVICE for Fareham people to make urgent same-day GP appointments welcomed its first patients in September as it got off to a smooth start.

Four of the 10 GP practices in Fareham are working together to develop a new way of offering urgent appointments to patients who want to see a health professional the same day.

However, only 40% of surgeries have so far agreed to participate and patients who use the others are encouraged to get their GPs to

'sign up'.

The participating practices are High-lands Practice, Jubilee Surgery and Whiteley Surgery. Stubbington Medical Practice will join the scheme, from January 2, 2018. Other practices may follow if the scheme is successful.

Fareham Primary Care Service (FPCS), based at a hub at Fareham Community Hospital dealt with 60 patient calls in its first three hours.

Routine appointments at GP practices continue as before.

River footpath upgraded

HAMBLE Causeway, one of South Hampshire's most popular footpaths, is being repaired and upgraded.

Emergency repairs were carried out just before Christmas 2016, shoring up a major breach.

These have now been followed up with re-decking and the installation of ramps on the 'Chinese Bridge'.

Further work is planned for late winter/early spring 2018, improving the surface condition and further shoring up of the banks.

This is funded by Fareham Council planning agreements, with extra capital from the County Council.

Titchfield ladies are first time winners



TITCHFIELD'S 'In Bloom' team entered the contest for the first time and were thrilled to win a silver gilt award in the Large Village category.

The ladies pictured (left to right) Pamela Van Reysan, Julie Nash, Gloria Hunt, Jane Bradley, Sue Brindle and Coral Wood received their award at the South & South East presentation at Crawley.

Councillor Connie Hockley congratulated all who took part, whether they won prizes or not.

Fareham again did very well in the competition, winning gold in the Small City category for the 14th consecutive year.

Mayor for second time

FOUR YEARS after being Fareham's Mayor, Susan Bayford will don the mayoral robes again in May 2018.

Meantime, Councillor Bayford wears the robes of Deputy Mayor after being appointed at the October Council meeting after Councillor Chris Wood resigned.

Susan, who represents Locks Heath Ward, will have her husband, Park Gate Councillor Brian Bayford – himself a former Mayor – as Consort.

She said: "It's an honour to be Deputy Mayor for a second time."

PHOTO: Mayor Geoff Fazackarley and his new Deputy.



Care village park progress

TITCHFIELD'S luxury retirement village at Friary Meadow and the park land around it are starting to take shape.

The first stage of the process to transform 15.5 hectares (38 acres) into public open space has been completed with the transfer of the land into the ownership of Fareham Borough Council.

The new car park to serve it will be located off the entrance to Friary Meadow on Cartwright Drive and this is being constructed as part of the work to create the new access road.

It's anticipated that the care home will take 18 months to complete after which the open space will be fully accessible to the public.

The Council's Countryside Team are taking the opportunity, while the care village is being constructed, to put necessary infrastructure in place such as site security, gates, fencing and path networks to ensure the site is secure and safe for people to use.

They are also looking to establish a weekday volunteer group and would like to hear from anyone who may be interested.

Please email conservation@fareham.gov.uk.

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.

Karen joins Titchfield team

KAREN HEALEY has joined the Titchfield and Titchfield Common InTouch team.

She lives in the area and is a medical secretary; her interests are in animals, acting, travel and photography.

Karen is secretary of Warsash Theatre Club and joined Fareham Conservative Association 5 years ago after meeting members during a murder mystery presentation. She is now secretary of

Salisbury and Park Gate Conservative Association and was recently an officer of the Association.

Karen is pictured at the recent Conservative Party Conference in Manchester, where she met leading politicians.



Council grant towards church extension

Locks Heath Free Church has received a grant of £40,000 towards renovations from Fareham Borough Council.

The church has many groups that use it for community activities, including nurseries, a youth club and lunch clubs for the older members. There are also activities such as 'boomerang' for youngsters.

Councillor Sarah Pankhurst spoke to the minister, the Rev Mark Madavan, to congratulate them on their successful bid.

"Mark confirmed that the funds would be used to renovate the existing church premises whilst the new part of the church extension is advancing towards developer tenders, with the start scheduled for spring 2018," she said.

Pictured at the build site for the new church wing are (from left to right) Claire Johnson, Sarah Sawyers, the Rev Tim Hancock, Pauline Griffiths, Sarah Pankhurst, the Rev Mark Madavan and the Rev Jim Privett.



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THEN: Penny as a 3rd Officer WRNS. She left the service with the rank of Commander.

Geoff helps towards Penny's adventurous new life after navy career is tragically cut short

WHAT A remarkable lady!

Catisfield resident Penny Melville Brown's career in the Royal Navy came to a tragic end in 2000 when she went blind and was retired.

But she did not let her disability stop her from carrying on an active life.

She formed a company which promotes the abilities and activities of blind and disabled people.

She ran the Catisfield Village Association for several years and now runs the Catisfield Memorial Hall.

Penny was awarded an OBE two years ago and has since participated in the 'Holman Prize', an American international competition for blind people and was selected as one of three winners from candidates from 27 countries.

Her prize is taking her to Costa Rica, America, China, Australia and Malawi with a further programme of events

when she returns to England.

To help her on her way, County Councillor Geoff Hockley gave Penny a £1,000 grant from his devolved county budget.

Geoff has also given the following grants for worthy local causes:

Oasis Youth Club

– £1,100 to help buy kitchen equipment

Locks Heath Free

Church – £750 for their

'messy' church-based holiday for local youngsters

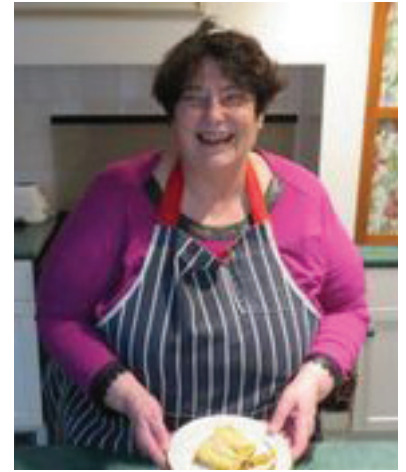
Titchfield Village Allotment – £400 towards security hedges

Park Gate Primary School – £1,500 to assist disabled children

1st Titchfield Sea Scouts – £750 for training equipment

Titchfield in Bloom – £700 to buy necessary items

visit www.holmanprize.org to learn more about Penny.



NOW: Penny in her kitchen.

County braces for council tax rises as Whitehall grant is phased out

HAMPSHIRE'S council taxpayers face more increases over the next two years to make up for the ever decreasing government support grant.

And there are likely to be some controversial cuts in services.

It means HCC will have to make £340m savings in 2018 and a further £140m in 2019.

County Councillor Geoff Hockley says it faces a £40m grant reduction, plus £100m increased demand from rising numbers of elderly, rising education support needs, inflation etc.

He says: "This estimated shortfall is after assumed maximum allowed county council tax increases of 3.99% each year.

"Achieving the £340m savings has been hard but by thorough review and re-organisation of operational processes, significant investment in technology, reductions in staff and management and increasing fees and charges, the County has managed to minimise the direct adverse impact on front line services."

Geoff Hockley says some untenable options must be considered in the

budget planning, including reducing or eliminating bus subsidies, reducing grants for community projects, reducing the number of household waste recycling centres.

He adds: "Savings have to be made but these options will be heatedly debated by councillors over the next 6 months looking to identify alternatives and to protect local service delivery."

•HCC had to raise council tax by 3.99% in 2016. It's likely to go up by 1% in 2018 and 1.99% in 2019. The government grant will end by 2020.

LITTER – what a colossal waste of YOUR money



THE COUNCIL spends more than £920,000 a year of your taxes cleaning up Fareham.

Tackling litter is one of our key objectives so we are launching

a litter campaign aimed at changing behaviour.

There are three strands to the campaign – general litter-

ing, dropped cigarette butts, discarded chewing gum.

Events and activities are planned across the Borough.

You may spot one of our newly branded litter lorries out and about carrying anti-litter messages (pictured).

Later this month residents will be able to get their hands on freebies to help them dispose of cigarette ends or chewing gum in a responsible way. Keep an eye on our social media for updates.

The Council can issue on the spot fines of £80 to those seen littering.