

Housing development in Warsash

Councillors Trevor Cartwright and Mike Ford have opposed the applications that have so far been heard for development on the Brook Lane area and have continued to challenge the County Council on their plans to ensure that there are adequate local (catchment) school places.



Alison Hines and her son enjoying the green space that runs through the boat estate - an essential ingredient for all new developments.

Both at the recent Taylor Wimpey appeal and subsequently, Trevor and Mike have asked County Highways Officers to publicise their plans for highway enhancements.

"It is a frustrating process," Trevor says, "but we are determined to ensure that the necessary infrastructure comes with the new homes."

The Councillors are adopting a two-pronged approach to development; "We will continue to study applications carefully, challenge and oppose where necessary, but we then need to look forward to ensure that what we have in the land north and south of Greenaway Lane is an acceptable development.

"We have a dialogue with both developers and Council Officers to ensure that the masterplan for the area, is adhered to as much as possible.

"We need to ensure that development is not cramped, is sensitive to the surrounding area, has a green corridor running north / south and is equipped with play areas for children."

Trevor and Mike are also keen to ensure that there is adequate parking provision off road for the dwellings provided, meaning that on-street and pavement parking are eliminated as far as possible.

On 24 July, central government published its revised version of the National Planning Policy Framework. This is a huge blow to Fareham's housing requirement and our progress towards achieving a five-year housing

land supply - the criterion that has put many of our previous greenfield sites at risk.

The previous calculation required Fareham to allow the building of 487 homes per year. This has now been increased to 571 homes every year, as the relationship between house prices and local incomes also has to be considered now.

Keith Evans, County Councillor and Fareham Council Executive Member for Planning and Development explains, "This has the effect of reducing the 4.65 years housing supply that Fareham was achieving in June 2018, back to between 3.5 and 4 years. This could be reduced yet further in November when Whitehall may introduce another proposed housing test."

Clr Evans confirms that this will have a major impact on the Borough Council's Draft Plan, that has recently been through a period of consultation, as they will now have to deliver a further 1,500 – 2,000 homes in the period up to 2036, in order to achieve this increased annual need.

Councillors across the Borough are furious and have made strong representations against these proposals to Government at the consultation stage.

Mike adds, "Our local MPs have been written to add weight to our objections and our Council's leader, Seán Woodward, will shortly be meeting with James Brokenshire, the Secretary of State responsible for housing."

In brief

Strawberry Fields

Some constituents have asked about the 10m wide strip of grass on Strawberry Fields that has remained uncut. This has been left to provide residents of Newtown Road and Havelock Road with some additional privacy following a series of quite serious cases of Anti-Social Behaviour by people using the field.

In addition, a fourth litter / dog bin has been added to help with the field's popularity.

Fly tipping

A recent incident of Fly Tipping by Hook Park Road has been investigated by Mike Ford. Fortunately Mike was able to find a name and address in the rubbish, which has been handed over to the Council's Enforcement Team for action.

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Making Warsash shine

The recent good weather has reminded all of us why Warsash and Hook are such great places to live and work. Councillors Trevor Cartwright and Mike Ford continue to help the organisations and individuals that are making our area even better.

Wildflower Strip creator recognised

One of the hidden gems of Warsash is the wildflower strip that runs alongside Stone Cottage on Shore Road. Created by local resident Jo Oliver, and complete with an insect hotel, the strip provides an array of colour for all to enjoy.

When Warsash Residents' Association wanted to remember Jo's life with a commemorative plaque, Trevor and Mike helped by getting the necessary permissions from both the County Council as land owner and Fareham Council's planners and Conservation Officer.

Complete with insect hotel, the wildflower strip is a lovely addition to our village.



Car park transformed

Over the past few months, the shrubs and area around the car park on Warsash Road have become overgrown and not in keeping with the rest of the village.

As a result, Mike Ford worked with members of Fareham Council's Horticulture team, the town's Fareham in Bloom and local conservation groups to transform the area.

The area now boasts parking for the allotment owners, along with the new shrubs around the toilets and shoppers car park.

Mike would like to thank all of those that helped improve the heart of our village.



Trevor Cartwright would like to thank everyone who voted for him in the May Borough Council elections.

The turnout was fantastic, with Trevor's majority increasing since he last ran in 2014 being testament to the faith people have in him to represent their views and protect our community.

However, Trevor hasn't got much time to sit back and enjoy the sun - he's been appointed Deputy Executive Leader, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, Vice-Chairman of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee and a member of the Planning Committee.

He continues as Chairman of the Community Safety Partnership and remains a member of the River Hamble Management Committee.

Trevor said "I am pleased to be re-elected and will do everything in my power to serve all the residents of Warsash and Hook."

Fareham continues to have one of the lowest Council Taxes in England

Ferneham Hall to get a facelift

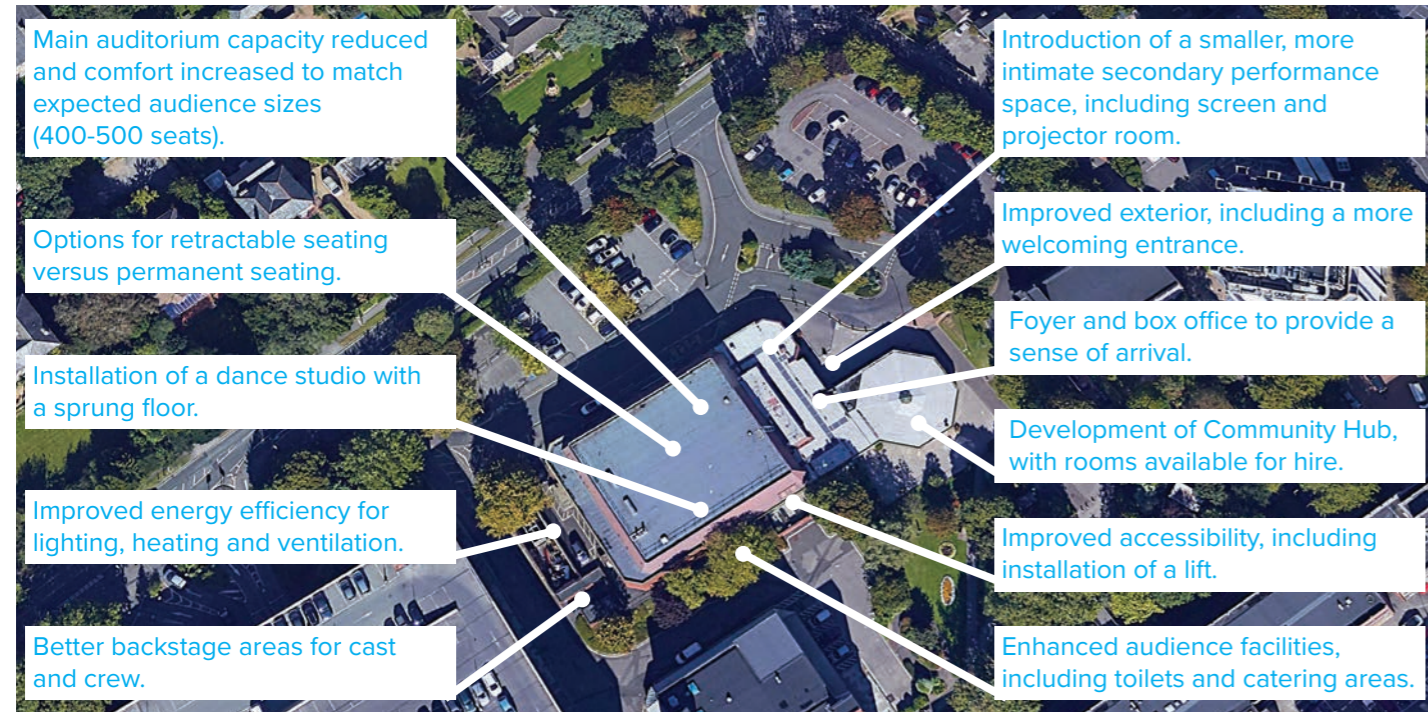
After nearly 40 years of service to the local community, Ferneham Hall is to get a major update.

Fareham Borough Council has agreed to a multi-million pound investment to the town's live entertainment complex. This follows a feasibility study undertaken in 2015 that found that the theatre no longer met customer expectations - which have changed significantly since it was built in 1982.

The Council has ambitions to build a community centre in Fareham Town Centre, and the remodelling of the Hall offers a real opportunity to combine a new arts and entertainment venue with a busy community facility.

It is expected that the Hall will close in late 2019 for the two-year modernisation programme.

Cllr Cartwright said "Our vision is to provide a busy community and entertainment venue which includes daytime and evening activity, seven days a week. Our new look facility will be able to offer a greater choice to residents and provide new local community facilities for those living in and around the town centre."



Victory at the Hall!

In related news closer to home, refurbishment at Warsash's Victory Hall moves indoors

Mike Ford reports that pretty well all of the outside work has now been completed at the Victory Hall. "The work almost perfectly met the grants we received from Hampshire County Council (HCC) of £150,000 and Fareham Borough Council of £40,000. We can now look forward to very many years service from the Hall.

"One of the key criteria set by HCC was that the work undertaken must reduce the Hall's ongoing running costs. I'm pleased to say that since the roof, windows and general insulation work was completed, our energy bills, have reduced by 30%"

Work now moves indoors, which will be completed as funds become available. Stage one of this work will occur in late August, with the Hall closing for

two weeks as the Bartholomew Room getting a new floor and improved kitchen facilities and storage.

The main lobby will also undergo major surgery with new walls, ceiling, lighting and new flooring at both entrances.

The main hall floor will be renovated and finally, the ladies and gents toilets will benefit from a deep clean and re-painting. A defibrillator will also be installed later in the Autumn. This phase of the work will cost nearly £30,000.



Mike and Trevor would like to thank Hall Manager, Mark Appleby, for all his efforts during the renovation project.

Working together to help reduce rough sleeping

Fareham Borough Council has hosted the first ever conference to tackle rough sleeping in the town.

More than 70 delegates attended the conference, including the police, charities and agencies that provide help and support to rough sleepers.

The aim of the conference was to share information and identify strategies that will further support the work of the agencies and to launch 'Fareham StreetAid', a new initiative through which joint communications can be published.

It was made very clear that giving money directly to rough sleepers is not advisable. Charity outreach workers pointed out drug addiction is one of the many complex issues they are dealing with, so it is highly likely that



any money given will simply be used to fund that habit. A better solution for those wishing to give money might be to donate to one of the many charities that has staff specifically trained to help rough sleepers.

The Two Saints agency operates three hostels in Fareham, where rough sleepers can access free meals, advice, and somewhere to sleep.

Other voluntary groups are also making a really big difference by working with the many specialist organisations in Fareham that are helping those on the street.

Councillor Trevor Cartwright, said: "Tackling rough sleeping is one of our key priorities and it is heart-warming to see such a huge turnout today both from agencies and the many volunteers that are giving up their own time and trying to help.

"We are determined to help rough sleepers get off the streets rather than helping them to stay on the streets."

Food, clothing or sleeping bags can be donated by visiting the One Community shop in Fareham Shopping Centre (please call beforehand on 023 8090 2400).

Alternatively, please visit 1community.org.uk/fareham or aok.community

More to do for our young people

Fareham Borough Council have recently spent £20,000 improving the play area in Osborne Road recreation ground.



Existing equipment has been fully refurbished and new elements have been added, including a wheelchair friendly roundabout.

Meanwhile, the Council's annual summer holiday youth programme, Access All Areas will be running until 24th August.

The events will include activities such as large inflatables, sailing, pool sessions at both the Holly Hill Leisure

Centre and Fareham Leisure Centre, scuba diving and a driving school. Registration opened recently, and in the first week, we had just over 350 sign-ups for all the various events.

You can find out more by visiting www.fareham.gov.uk and searching for 'access all areas'.

Opposite: Jo Stewart tells Cllr Ford how much Poppy and Henry are enjoying the Rec play area.

Weeds are a Growing Problem on our roads

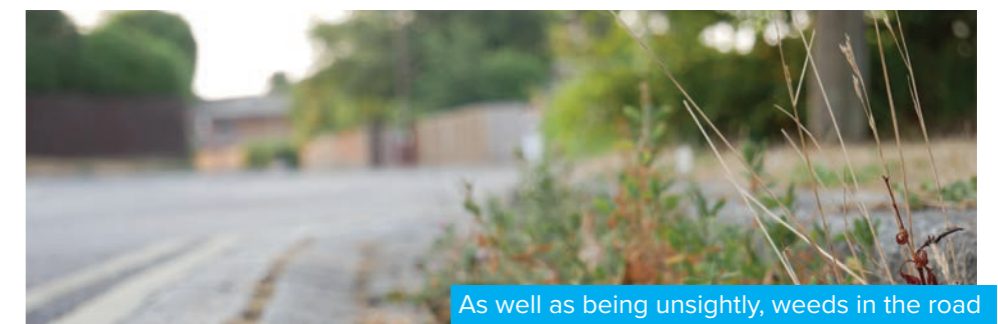
One of the downsides of the weather has been the significant weed growth on our highways. The heavy rain in Spring followed by weeks of very warm weather has seen the weeds take hold.

The responsibility for weed control lies with Hampshire County Council, who until recently have sprayed the regions roads with weed-killer twice a year.

However, Hampshire has now reduced this treatment to an annual spray, which although reducing direct costs has allowed that the weeds to cause

more damage to the roads.

We are working with the Borough Council to find ways of introducing



As well as being unsightly, weeds in the road break up the tarmac and create potholes.