



New legislation required for progress

Recent news from the Conservatives.

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Since July we have had a series of exciting announcements by the Conservative Government:

-20,000 new police on the streets and giving them the powers to do their job.

- £14 billion for schools - to ensure all children get the education they deserve.

- An additional £20.5 billion for the NHS.

- A new Office for Veterans Affairs to support our veterans to adjust to civilian life.

I know these will all make a big difference to my constituents. I am particularly pleased to see additional funding available to improve policing, building on the increase of 210 police officers across Hampshire announced earlier this year.

I held my Crime and Police event on the 7th September giving people an opportunity to talk to local police and community safety organisations.

In addition, I am determined that



we secure new investment to create more jobs locally. I am relieved that the Stubbington Bypass is now going ahead, and I have lobbied Ministers to consider the area around Portsmouth Port to be considered a free zone. This will help us take advantage of global trading opportunities after Brexit!



Since my last update we have certainly had an eventful time in Westminster. We have a new Prime Minister with a new energy and new vision for the country.

Many of my constituents have found Brexit a distraction from the action they want the Government to take in things like tackling crime, addressing the funding injustices of adult social care and improving our schools and hospitals.

In order to make progress in these areas the Government will need to introduce new legislation. This will require bringing an end to the current Parliamentary session – the longest in over four centuries – by proroguing Parliament and starting a new one with the Queen’s Speech on the 14th October.

I know several constituents have expressed concerns, but this is not about shutting down debate. It’s about ensuring the Government delivers on what matters to the British people as well as on the Brexit referendum result my constituents voted for.

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Pupils take pride in community initiative

Children from Crofton School have been doing their bit for the community by planting and weeding the Planters in Stubbington Village. As part of the Crofton Partnership initiative the pupils joined members of the community. Participants removed weeds and replenished soil in readiness for the planting of the new flowers and plants. Hampshire County Councillor, Pal Hayre, said *‘it is important to create a community spirit and for young people to take pride in their Village. The Planters were looking tired so we decided to do something about it.’*

NEWS SNIPPETS

- Hampshire County Council are commissioning a walking and cycling initiative in the Borough which will take effect at the turn of the year.
- To report a Pothole email roads@hants.gov.uk
- The Crofton Community Centre sports hall refurbishment is now complete comprising, a new roof, refurbished floor and more efficient LED lighting .
- A new recycle bin has been placed in the village centre by the bus stop.
- Repair work has commenced on the beach steps on Cliff Road, Hill Head.

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STUBBINGTON & HILL HEAD SUMMER 2019

OAKCROFT LANE DEVELOPMENT REFUSED

The proposed development for 261 dwellings by Persimmon Homes south of Oakcroft Lane has been refused by the planning committee. Committee members agreed unanimously to the planning officer’s recommendation to refuse permission based on the failure of some 21 policy infringements.

The proposed layout consisted of a mix of 9 x1 bedroom flats, 114 x 2 bedroom flats and houses, 106 x 3 bedroom houses and 32 x 4 bedroom houses. This arrangement was considered too overcrowded for the size of the site due to some 128 dwellings having little or no front garden, which would result in extensive levels of hardstanding being created and would unacceptably compromise the visual amenities of the site.

175 letters of representation were received. Two of these in support of the development with the remainder letters of objection. Residents gave deputations against the development as did County Councillor Pal Hayre who strongly supported refusal of the proposed development.

During the meeting Councillor Kay Mandry was left *‘Almost speechless’*. She said *‘It really takes the biscuit, these developers say “we know that you do not have a five year land supply” but that does not give them the opening to cram as many buildings as they can into the countryside’*



PLANNING MAYHEM AS POLLUTION FEARS PUT THOUSANDS OF HOMES ON HOLD

Fears over dangerous levels of nitrates in the environment have halted building of thousands of homes across Fareham and South Hampshire. It’s brought mayhem to the planning department, already struggling to rewrite the Draft Plan after Whitehall kept moving the goal posts. And it’s a slap in the face for the Government that had ordered Fareham to find greenfield space for thousands of extra homes. The Council’s planning boss labelled it ‘plain nonsense’. Natural England, the Government’s adviser on nature conservation, raised concerns that additional levels of new housing could lead to higher levels of nitrates due to increased amounts of wastewater. Exhaust emissions from increased traffic passing close to The Solent or watercourses leading to it may also result in some nitrates increases. Since April, Natural England required all house builders to quantify the nitrogen level from their development sites and to identify and mitigate any increase in the nitrates from that land. In less than a year, yet more green fields have come under threat after Whitehall demanded that Fareham finds space for up to 2,500 extra homes on top of the 2,300 houses the Council had already been forced to add to the new Draft Plan 2011-2036. Executive Member for Planning and Development Councillor Keith Evans said: “For all current and new planning applications Fareham planning staff are requiring developers to undertake a nutrient assessment, using Natural England methodology. “They must work with the Council to identify any valid mitigation such as removing land from agricultural use which will offset any nitrates from new development.” Keith Evans added: “As a good example of this approach, the nutrient assessment of the Welborne development north of Fareham, which is being built on farming land, indicates nitrogen increase neutrality and will continue as planned.” “We will work with developers to find mitigation measures, but ultimately this issue must be dealt with at Government level. We are working with all South Hampshire councils through the Partnership for South Hampshire and other organisations to find a long-term solution. “It is plainly nonsense to have one side of Government pushing for additional housing, with sanctions if not achieved, and another putting obstacles in place and not helping to find solutions.”

Daedalus D Day 75 Community Event



Veteran Stanley Richardson, who was based at Daedalus, joined the Mayor of Fareham on stage to unveil a special plaque to mark the 75th Anniversary.

More than 14,400 people flocked to a sell-out Daedalus D-Day 75 community event, held at Solent Airport at Daedalus on 8 and 9 June to commemorate the airfield's significant front-line role during D-Day and the Battle of Normandy in 1944.

Between D-Day and 25th June ten allied squadrons flew 2169 missions to key invasion targets. There they directed, by observation and radio, successive shells from the huge but distant guns of allied battleships, suppressing significant enemy threats to the allies at sea and ashore.

Each mission was perilous, low-level at high speed, often in bad weather. Pilots faced heavy flak and fighter attacks from both enemy and "friendly" fire. Ten Daedalus pilots were killed in action. Their average age was 22.

Despite high winds the event teams worked furiously to ensure Daedalus D-Day 75 could still be opened to the public as planned.

A Spitfire flew a dynamic display, representing the 101 Spitfires and Seafires that flew missions from Daedalus in June-July 1944.

Aircraft on static display included a P-51 Mustang, representing three Mustang squadrons who brought vital photo-intelligence of the invasion's progress back to the airfield for use at the nearby D-Day Allied Headquarters.

Visitors enjoyed going aboard retired helicopters kindly loaned by HMS Sultan and a full programme of events, including the Green Rockets children's motorcycle display team and the Red Arrows, who flew over laying the national colours over the airfield with red, white and blue smoke.

Councillor Kay Mandry said: "The weekend was a huge success, our thanks go to the officers for their hard work and dedication in delivering such a great event. The first air day at Daedalus since 1994".



A C-47 "Dakota", itself a D-Day veteran, flew a number of fly pasts and landed to a warm welcome.

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Illegal Shellfish Pickers on Hill Head Beach

Some local residents will have noticed frequent raids by gangs of shellfish pickers at low tides on Hill Head beach, often 20 at a time, filling large numbers of buckets with cockles, oysters and other shellfish. Whilst it is perfectly reasonable for individuals to do so, on such a large scale it is illegal. Moreover, oysters can only be taken between 1 November and 28 February and then only if over a minimum size; and shellfish taken from these waters must be properly purged before human consumption.

Your local Conservative councillors, Kay Mandry and Steve Dugan are on the case in conjunction with the Hill Head Residents Association and Fareham Environmental Health officers are actively following up every report. They may be contacted on 01329 236100 Ext 4773. They are also pursuing partnership with the police, food standards, Southern Inshore Fisheries & Conservation and other authorities to explore how coordinated effort can result in more formal action. On one occasion when the police were involved, not only were the perpetrators forced to return their hoard to the beach, we understand that a couple of illegal immigrants were apprehended.

Gate Guard for the Airfield Chosen

The public has voted for a life-size sculpture of Daedalus to be installed at Daedalus Common. The winning design was confirmed at a Full Council meeting on Thursday 25 July.

Residents were asked to choose from a shortlist of five very different options submitted by five artists for the new Gate Guardian, which will be paid for by the National Grid.

A classic sculpture of Daedalus poised to take flight for the first time was a clear winner, attracting more than twice the votes for the design in second place and almost 50% of the total number cast.

Final sign off was given by the Council's Executive in September. The sculpture will be installed for summer next year at the end of Daedalus Common adjacent to the Peel Common roundabout, so it will be visible from the road.

The designer, Nigel Searle, an artisan blacksmith who designs public art for Peter Clutterbuck, set out to create a sculpture that will inspire hope and achievement as well as the joy of discovery.

The public has also chosen a plane design as the centrepiece for the new play area due to open at Daedalus next summer. The bespoke multi-climbing play equipment will be purpose-designed to complement its unique setting.



Councillor Kay Mandry, a member of the airfield steering group, said: "The public vote for this sculpture was overwhelming. I believe it will be an inspiring landmark that will really help to make Daedalus Common a special location to be enjoyed by the whole community."

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