

# InTouch

#### **FAREHAM NORTH WEST**

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WHAT CONSERVATIVES AIM
TO DO FOR FAREHAM

On Thursday, May 6 vote for

# Fred BIRKETTT

If you re-elect me, I will:

- PROMOTE Fareham NW as a place to invest in youth projects and our Community Centre
- •SUPPORT calls to enhance our local services
- **PROTECT** our environment
- SEEK to continue the delivery of social housing
- •URGE for tougher fines for those that litter
- WORK with the local and county councils to help reduce the impact of inconsiderate parking



'Fully committed to Fareham North West'

## **GREEN BELT, GREEN GAPS - ONLY WE HAVE PLANS TO PROTECT THEM**

#### **FAREHAM'S HOUSING**

We are working hard to ensure that a South Hampshire Green Belt is created including the Meon and Stubbington/South Fareham countryside strategic gaps.

We will deliver Welborne's 6,000 homes and infrastructure to serve Fareham's housing needs removing the need to find land to build them elsewhere.

We will complete a new Local Plan accommodating the government's housing demands but lobby to reduce any need to have housing that is not necessary to meet Fareham's needs. We will continue to deliver as much truly affordable housing as possible and have underway the biggest council house building programme in Fareham for decades.



#### **FAREHAM'S COMMUNITY**

We have built Holly Hill Leisure Centre and are revamping Ferneham Hall as a modern arts and entertainment complex – Fareham Live – and modernising Fareham Leisure Centre. We will upgrade all playgrounds, having built new ones at Holly Hill, Daedalus Common. Abbey Meadows, Titchfield is under way. We'll continue to support youth services via Y-Services.



We will continue to improve safety and security in Fareham Town Centre with a zero tolerance of begging and anti-social

We will continue to campaign for minor injuries treatment, elderly care and maternity beds at Fareham Community Hospital as well as finding a public transport solution.

#### **FAREHAM'S TRANSPORT**

We have worked with the highway authority to bring forward over £100m of roads invest-

Stubbington Bypass, Newgate Lane North and South, St Margaret's Roundabout, Peel Common Roundabout and A27 dual carriageway from Segensworth to Fareham.

We will continue to work through the planning process to get further improvements to our road system paid for by developers.

And we renew our pledge that not a brick will be laid at Welborne until full infrastructure funding, including full funding for 110 on to the M27, is in place.

We also plan to extend the Eclipse bus rapid transit service around the Borough.



#### **DEDICATED TO HIS WARD**

Penny, former manager of Highlands HUB: "Fred supported the Highlands Hub for a few years by being part of our committee, and the support he gave when he donated money raised from taking part in London Marathon. Thank you very much."

Tim, chairman of Fareham NW Community Centre: "Fred has been a great a supporter of the Fareham NW Community Centre and all of its work for the local community. Many thanks for your all help and support."

Emma, Fareham NW resident: "Whenever I have spoken to Fred he has answered my query, I am happy to see that the Hampshire Rose site is finally being worked on. Fred is always willing to listen to residents."

Dan, Fareham NW resident: "Fred has helped on different issues in Fareham NW, from parking to litter and recycling. Many thanks."

#### **CONTACT FRED ANY TIME**

FRED BIRKETT has lived in Fareham for over 20 years and has been a councillor for Fareham NW for the past 5 years. Fred sat on the former Highlands HUB management and currently sits on Fareham NW Community Centre Management organisation. He says: "I am proud to have represented my ward over the past 5 years, being able to support the residents, promote grant funding to our community projects and generally try and improve the wellbeing of those living here."

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#### FAREHAM'S ECONOMY

Hundreds of new jobs created at Solent Airport at Daedalus; we will enable thousands more with Solent Airport being self-supporting as flight numbers grow.

We will pursue the publicly-supported visions to enhance both Fareham and Portchester shopping centres.



The Council does not set rates or rents, but as our high streets change towards leisure and eating as well as shops, we must change, too, and offer what support we can, especially as we encourage recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will keep free car parking in all local shopping areas.

#### **FAREHAM'S FINANCES**

We froze the council tax for 7 years and have recently been increasing it by just a penny a day for the FBC element. That is our pledge for the future.

We invest in commercial property in Fareham which brings benefits in terms of keeping council tax low and preserving excellent services.

We only raise 15% of overall spending from council tax and are very careful with your money, which is why we continue to set almost the lowest district council tax in England while providing some of the best services.



#### **FAREHAM'S ENVIRONMENT**

We have delivered our pledge to ban the use of single-use plastics by the Council. We are committed to the Council achieving net zero carbon by 2030 and will establish a deliverable carbon reduction plan this year. Actions not words.

We will work with the police to see zero tolerance of pavement parking which is both anti-

social and dangerous as well as more action on antisocial behaviour.

We aim to introduce a recycling scheme for pots, tubs and trays as well as food waste and a wheeled green waste collection. We will continue a massive programme of

tree planting on Council land.

### The community is always top of his agenda

Pre-lockdown photos









Above: Fred is a keen recycler and also likes to set an example keeping Fareham clean and is pictured cleaning up after his dog, Woody. Top (left): He persisted in pressing the County Council to eliminate the mystery bump in Highlands Road above the old deviation line. Below (left): Fred always listens to residents. Here, he discusses an issue with Emma Ashton.

Top (right): Helping at Fareham NW Community Centre where (below) Hampshire Food Revolution was distributing food.





After completing the London Marathon Fred presented a cheque to the team at the former Highlands Hub from sponsorship donations. Sadly, the Hub fell victim to the Covid lockdown and was forced to close.

One of Fred's main aims since he was elected was to push for development of the eyesore Hampshire Rose site. It's now ready and the first 6 families have moved in. He was delighted to attend the ground breaking ceremony.



Fred has worked with local residents to highlight the problems with both the bus shelters and the bus service.

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