



# InTouch

## FAREHAM WEST

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WHAT CONSERVATIVES  
HAVE DONE FOR FAREHAM

WHAT CONSERVATIVES AIM  
TO DO FOR FAREHAM

ON THURSDAY MAY 5 PLEASE VOTE FOR

# ROGER BIRD

## Working for the Fareham West community



If you elect me, I promise I will:

**SAVE** money to help keep our Council Tax as low as possible, currently the fifth lowest in the country.

**CONSERVE** our green spaces and oppose over-development, especially where the effects of that development could be far-reaching for residents, such as around Longfield Avenue.

**SUPPORT** further investment in play facilities for children at Blackbrook Park.

**BACK** our Armed Forces and their families in Fareham in this time of international troubles.

**WORK** to ensure the reduction of vandalism and anti-social behaviour by working with the Police and PCSOs.

Fareham has been safe in CONSERVATIVE hands for 23 years

## CONSERVATIVES DELIVERING FOR YOU TIME AFTER TIME

### 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 continue our Live Love Local campaign to support local shops.  
We will keep car parking free in all local shopping areas.



WELCOME TO  
**SOLENT AIRPORT**  
PROUDLY OWNED BY FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

### ROGER IS DEDICATED TO FAREHAM WEST



**Tony Barnett, of Blackbrook Park Avenue,** said: "I am happy to endorse Roger as a candidate for Fareham West. He is an experienced councillor, having served for eight years in London, and is dedicated to public service. As a businessman he will help keep our Council Tax down."

**Lyn Gannon, of Highlands Road,** said: "Having served for many years in the Royal Navy, I am delighted that Roger sees our Armed Forces as a high priority. Roger's brother is currently in the Navy and we need to elect representatives who will stand by our Forces and their families in these difficult times."

**Harry Kewish of Veryan** said: "Roger is an experienced councillor and businessman and he will bring a lot of useful knowledge to the council."

**George Neill of Julie Avenue** said: "Roger is a hard worker and is just what we need in Fareham West."

### FAREHAM'S COMMUNITY

We have built Holly Hill Leisure Centre, have modernised Fareham Leisure Centre and are rebuilding Ferneham Hall as a modern arts and entertainment complex – Fareham Live. We will upgrade all playgrounds, having built new ones at Holly Hill, Daedalus Common and Abbey Meadows. 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 behaviour and new CCTV cameras and patrols.



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 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 which would prevent further housing development. We will maximise the development levels on brownfield sites.

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

We will adopt 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 HAS BEEN SAFE IN CONSERVATIVE HANDS FOR 23 YEARS

### Roger Bird



Roger is a chartered accountant and experienced Finance Director, who has run several small businesses. He is married with a baby son, and previously served as a councillor in Wandsworth. Roger said: "I am determined to keep our Council Tax down in Fareham. "The Borough has a great reputation for high quality services, while charging one of the lowest tax levels in the country. "I have the experience to help continue that tradition." Outside work, Roger loves boating and driving classic cars.

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### FAREHAM'S TRANSPORT

We have worked with the highway authority to bring forward over £100m of roads investment: Stubbington Bypass, Newgate Lane North and East, 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.

Now that our pledge that not a brick will be laid at Welborne until infrastructure funding, including full funding for J10 on to the M27, is in place has been fulfilled we will work with developers to ensure the timely provision of that infrastructure

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



### FAREHAM'S FINANCES

We froze the council tax for seven years and have recently been increasing it by just a penny a day for the FBC element giving us the 5th lowest council tax in the country. 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 16% 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 the country while providing some of the best services, costing less than £3 per week for the average home.



### FAREHAM'S ENVIRONMENT

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

We will work with the police to see zero tolerance of pavement parking, which is both antisocial and dangerous, as well as parking of untaxed vehicles and more action on antisocial behaviour and vandalism.

We are running an anti-littering campaign across the Borough as we spend over £1m keeping the Borough clean and tidy – "No more rubbish excuses!"

We aim to introduce a recycling scheme for pots, tubs and trays as well as food waste and we will continue a massive programme of tree planting on Council land.



# Please vote for Roger BIRD on Thursday, May 5



Roger is keen to support voluntary organisations and facilities if he is elected, such as the Women's Institute Hall in Oak Road.



Roger has had a lot of experience with planning applications in his earlier years as a councillor. "To avoid over-development, it is vital for residents to object and for councillors to be alert," said Roger, pictured at the Newlands Farm site.



Roger is a strong supporter of our armed forces, with HMS Collingwood in the Borough.



Tree planting is so important and Roger was happy to join with all Conservative Councillors in paying for an oak to be planted to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Abbey Meadows Country Park in Titchfield.



Roger has spent the time since he was selected as the candidate for Fareham West speaking to local residents on the doorstep and finding out directly from them what the issues in their local communities are and what he might be able to do to help them if he is elected on Thursday May 5.



Roger is very keen on seeing further investment in children's play equipment in our open spaces and parks - like this at Blackbrook Park

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## A RECORD OF ACTION, A PROMISE OF MORE!