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## RE-OPEN OUR POLICE STATION

**Our local Councillors Seán Woodward, Ian Bastable and Simon Martin are campaigning to have the Park Gate Police Station reopened.**

Seán and Joanne Burton, Fareham's Executive Member for Health & Public Protection, met Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones and were joined by Fareham District Commander Chris Spellerberg at the station to lobby her on the matter.

They pointed out that 40% of the population of Fareham Borough is in the western wards area yet there is no public access to a police station here.

Simon and Ian said, "Many people would like to have a police station with a front desk that is available for in-person visits if only for a few hours in the day."

"Police stations provide reassurance and a useful local base for neighbourhood officers to operate out of. We would very much like to see such a facility again locally."

Donna Jones said, "Since becoming Police & Crime Commissioner I have reviewed the police estate and ended the disposal of police stations. This year, I have set aside £2 million to re-open front counters."

"I will look carefully at the case for reopening Park Gate Police Station to the public; it is a well-situated facility in a highly populated part of Fareham."

***We need  
this police  
station  
re-opened  
to the  
public!***



## Trafalgar Theatres Chosen as Operator for Fareham Live



**Fareham Borough Council has chosen Trafalgar Theatres as the new Operator for Fareham Live, the town's new community, arts, and entertainment venue.**

Trafalgar Theatres is a renowned UK-based operator with a successful history in regional theatre and venue management. Their portfolio of 14 venues includes both regional and international theatres, live music venues, and concert halls, hosting a variety of top-notch performances, from West End productions to live music acts, stand-up comedy, ballet, and opera.

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## Cllrs. Ian Bastable & Simon Martin Reporting Back

# Huge £30m investment to regenerate the Town Centre!

**Fareham Borough Council is taking another big step forward in its plans to breathe new life into Fareham Town Centre through a comprehensive programme of investment and regeneration.**

The new community, arts and entertainment venue, Fareham Live, with a total of around 1,000 seats, is already set to become a hugely important asset for the town with new modern parking alongside, and the Council is now considering the acquisition of a series of other assets, one of which is Fareham Shopping Centre.

Town centres across the country have been affected by the collapse of the department store sector, shifts in customers' shopping habits, and many high street brands either moving online or disappearing altogether.

While Fareham town centre has much to offer residents and visitors, with many national outlets and independent traders along with food and entertainment, it has been affected by national trends.

The Council wants to ensure that the town centre responds effectively and takes the opportunity to re-invent itself by offering a wide range of uses alongside vibrant and well-connected public spaces in order to ensure its success in the long term.

The Council has recently decided to take the bold step of setting aside over £30m of funding to support a significant regeneration programme.

Major investments are currently being made with the development of Fareham Live and the forthcoming demolition of the decaying Osborn Road multi-storey car park in favour of a new surface car park. The Council is now in active discussions with the owners regarding the possible acquisition of a series of town centre properties including Fareham Shopping Centre.

Work will be undertaken over the coming months to create a draft Regeneration Framework for public consultation and partner engagement.



**Conservative Councillors are seizing the opportunity to regenerate our Town Centre!**

Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Leader of the Council, said: "We are committed to the long-term regeneration of Fareham town centre and have been making plans over several years for how this may be achieved. People now look to town centres to provide a broader mix of leisure and social activities, as well as retail outlets offering products and services that are not so available online, together with opportunities for town centre living."

"We need to acknowledge that the private sector alone will not bring forward the regeneration of Fareham town centre. The Council will be leading on harnessing the resources of both the public and private sector to help deliver effective regeneration over the coming years."

"This injection of over £30m of funding is just the start of ensuring that the town centre delivers what the residents of Fareham need for the future. Looking ahead we will be taking the important step of seeking early views from all parts of the local community on the regeneration opportunities that lie ahead."



**Local Park Gate & Priory Park news - see inside...**



# An update from Suella Braverman KC MP



## Suella Braverman writes:

There would be no NHS without the staff who run it.

But as with other healthcare systems across the world, the NHS is facing significant challenges that mean patients are still waiting too long to get the care they need. So, in the NHS's 75th anniversary year, the Conservative government has set out a long term plan to staff our NHS.

First, we'll train more staff right here in the UK including doubling the number of medical training places and increasing the number of nursing and midwifery training places.

Second, we'll ensure that retention is prioritised and third, we'll modernise how NHS staff spend their time by increasing productivity to get more patients seen more quickly. Our long term NHS Workforce plan - the largest expansion in its history - will mean more staff, better care, shorter waiting time and better use of British technology.

## Shovels hit the ground at Welborne!

It was a momentous occasion to welcome the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to Fareham to see work begin at Welborne.

After more than 17 years of planning, the first of many hedges was planted and work has begun. Welborne will deliver 6,000 new homes and will include new schools, retail, business, healthcare and leisure facilities.



## Local News & Action from your Conservative Councillors...

# Working for Park Gate & Priory Park all-year-round

## Protecting local trees

**Local Councillors Simon and Ian are actively addressing alleged property damage issues in the area and prioritising tree protection.**

While some trees may be felled due to their involvement in property damage, the Council strives to preserve trees whenever possible. With around 220,000 mature trees on Council-owned land and a significant number of young and semi-mature trees, the Council conducts risk assessments to identify potentially impactful trees near properties and public areas.

The Council takes pride in its tree management policy and is committed to prosecuting those who illegally fell protected trees.

## Summer brings fun... and anti-social behaviour

During summer, there's an increase in anti-social behaviour reports around Park Gate due to late-night park use. Ian raised concerns with MP Suella Braverman, who introduced a new scheme in April to address this issue.

With Donna Jones and Chief Constable Chilton's efforts, improvements in responses to ASB hotspots are expected. Local police recently attended a CAT meeting to address residents' concerns. Residents can report ASB to 101 or contact Councillors Simon and Ian overleaf who will ensure it gets raised at Council attended liaison meetings.



## Action on Derelict Buildings

**Councillors Ian Bastable and Simon Martin write:**

We understand residents' concerns about increasing derelict buildings and properties falling into disrepair. The Threshers site is a notable example, and after receiving no response from the landowner, the Council took formal action, resulting in a prosecution and fine. We're also addressing the issue of the closed Chinese Takeaway in Middle Road.

Concerns extend to buildings in the Fareham High Street Conservation Area, but we're actively working with owners and purchasers, making progress in resolving these matters. Rest assured, we are committed to resolving derelict property problems and will keep you updated on developments.

## Fareham takes a lead in Protecting biodiversity

**Fareham has become one of the leading authorities in taking steps to protect our valued biodiversity.**

In our local plan which was approved in March 2023 we committed that all new development will be required to provide a 10% increase in its biodiversity as we recognise the importance of protecting and enhancing our natural environment.

We are now taking further steps by approving additional planning guidance to protect our environment and ensure that it is implemented and the conditions will

ensure that the biodiversity net gain of at least 10% will be delivered and maintained for at least 30 years.

Our preference is for the biodiversity to be located where the development occurs, however the Council has become one of only a few authorities that will be identifying sites within the borough where biodiversity improvements can take place.

This will ensure that these sites will be enhanced ensuring that development becomes a net contributor to environmental improvements.



## Going around in circles!

Our local Councillor Ian Bastable, responsible for waste collection and recycling in Fareham, is frustrated by delays in implementing a much-needed recycling regime.

The current system's limitations set by HCC prevent certain recyclables like glass from being included in recycling bins.

Fareham aims to introduce glass recycling along with pots, tubs, and trays in the future. For now, residents are urged to use "bring banks" for glass bottles and only put cardboard, plastic bottles, tins, and cans in the recycling bin.

Other items, including metals, should go in the general waste, processed by the Portsmouth incinerator to produce heat and power.

Clarity and funding from the government are needed to expand services effectively.

## Coldeast Residents' Community Picnic

Councillors Seán Woodward and Ian Bastable were very pleased to be invited by residents at Coldeast to join them for their community picnic on the lawn at Coldeast Mansion to raise money for the 'Friends of Fareham Community Hospital'.

They were able to introduce Paul Holmes MP to local residents as, following the parliamentary boundary changes, he will be standing for Parliament for the new Hamble Valley seat which includes Sarisbury, Warsash, Park Gate, Locks Heath, Titchfield Common and Titchfield.

Thank you Alan Duncan, Diana Hindle, Stuart Kimber and the residents' association committee for enabling 200 of your neighbours to have an enjoyable afternoon.

**Remember - Local Conservatives have kept the Borough's Council Tax the 4th lowest in England AND protected local services That's an impressive record!**

Local people know that Park Gate & Priory Park are safest in Conservative hands

