



InTouch

FAREHAM TOWN DIVISION

'Improvements vital ahead of planned development' says Tory candidate

'I'll push for work on M27 junctions to be top priority'



Chris Matthews:
'Funding must be found'

Fareham MP demands answers in Commons



CRUCIAL improvements to two M27 junctions must be started immediately – before the onset of thousands of new houses.

Chris Matthews, Fareham Town **Conservative** candidate, says: "I'll push for vital road improvements and infrastructure to be in place before planned development begins in Fareham."

His concerns are shared by Fareham MP **Suella Fernandes** who tackled the Transport Minister in the Commons last month.

He said **Conservative** county councillors had worked extremely hard to get a good deal for Fareham.

"I will continue to fight hard to secure the essential road improvements needed to support planned development."

"Improved transport capacity will boost trade and create growth and prosperity in the area."

"The last few years have seen improvements on Western Way with removal of its bus lane onto its own running surface and a bus gate to take Eclipse buses off Quay Street roundabout to reduce delays. Improvements at Peel Common roundabout, Newgate Lane, Gudge Heath Lane and station roundabout are under way.

"Further improvements are needed, however, particularly the vital Stubbington by-pass and adjustments to



(l to r) County Councillor Peter Latham, local resident Jeff Hiscox and Chris Matthews discuss the £6m improvements planned for station roundabout.

Junctions 9 and 10 of the M27, which must start before serious development begins in the area.

"Funding must be found for these improvements and work started as soon as possible."

It is planned to dual Whiteley Way to improve access to Junction 9 and there are plans to make Junction 10 an all-moves intersection.

Chris Matthews added: "Before we can think about building more homes in the area we must ensure that all vital infrastructure is identified ahead of any further development."

In response to a challenge by **Suella Fernandes** in the Commons, Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin said the Department for Transport was working to advance the improvements.

He said: "The department is working together with Highways England and the County Council on a way forward for improvements to Junction 9".

The cost of improvements to Junction 10 is estimated at £35 million partly funded by Fareham Borough Council and developers.

Highways England says the J9 project is currently on hold, with a provisional start date of April 2017.

'I applaud the County's excellent track record'



Dear Residents

I am writing to ask for your support in the County Council Election on May 5.

The County has an excellent record in managing its finances and has risen to the challenge of national spending cuts with an ambitious programme of savings and modernisation.

Council tax has been frozen for 6 years and the County is making a modest increase this year to help deliver essential local services.

The Council is on track to deliver over £102.5m of savings by the end of 2015/16. The average Band D council tax bill in Hampshire remains one of the lowest in the country.

We have an ageing population and the over 65s are now the fastest growing sector. Currently the Council spends over £2m a day on adult social care and will continue to invest in state-of-the-art nursing homes and support for vulnerable residents in their own homes.

The County Council is deeply committed to children and education. The Children's Services Department is one of just a handful in the country rated by OFSTED as good and leadership, governance and adoption are rated as outstanding.

98.4% of parents are offered a place for their child at a secondary school of their choice and exam results are above the national average.

It is understood that the Council's role is to deliver the right environment for business and individuals to thrive and its Capital Programme represents an investment of £876m over 4 years, delivering improved infrastructure across Hampshire, including school places and superfast broadband.

All these policies I applaud and will continue to support, if elected.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to support the excellent work of **Conservative County Councillor Peter Latham** and when you go to the ballot box on May 5, please pause and reflect upon **OUR** achievements in Fareham Town and across the Borough.

Then vote for the **ONLY** party that can deliver the goods year after year while giving you value for every penny of your council tax.

Yours sincerely

Chris Matthews

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

PROTECTED

Our land from development

FROZEN

Council tax for 6 years

MADE

Hampshire's roads safer

LIMITED

Speeds near schools, residential areas

TACKLED

Road congestion

SPENT

Over £1m a day on adult and social care

PROVIDED

Over 500 more apartments for the elderly with 24-hour care on hand

IMPROVED

School results further

DELIVERED

One of the country's few children's services departments rated good by Ofsted

Passionate about helping the local community

Chris Matthews has lived in Fareham since 2009, and is a partner with a thriving local law firm.

A highly regarded member of the community, he is married to Victoria and a father to their two young children.

He is already instrumental in giving a voice to disadvantaged and vulnerable people in the region.

He serves as a trustee of the Thorngate Almshouse Trust, a charity that helps older people in Gosport through supported housing and a large modern care home.

He says: "I am passionate about the community and doing everything I can to support local residents.

"My priorities are to improve access to social and affordable housing, boost local business and provide excellence in education for children and adults."

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'Stop this plan that will bring gridlock'

"A TRAFFIC spawning development" – that's **Chris Matthews' verdict on plans for what amounts to a satellite town in the strategic gap between Fareham and Stubbington.**

He's trying to picture these fields swamped by 1,100 houses, a pub/restaurant, school, GPs' surgery and retail outlets.

He says: "The area is almost gridlocked at peak times now, so how can Longfield Avenue, Rowan Way, Newgate Lane and Peak Lane cope?"

"They cannot," says Albert Pond, of Peak Lane, pictured outside his house with Chris, where they counted 60 cars passing in 10 minutes. Albert has difficulty getting out of his drive now, but says it will be impossible if this unwarranted application goes ahead.

The developers want

to use the Stubbington bypass for access, thus defeating the reason to build it in the first place.

1,500 more vehicles would come from this estate, especially at peak times.

"We do not want or need it, so please elect me to HCC in May to support local councillors to stop this unnecessary, inappropriate application on highway grounds," Chris added.



WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

KEEP

Council tax as low as possible while delivering essential services

PROVIDE

700 more apartments for the elderly with 'Extra Care' 24/7

DEFEND

Our land from over-development

IMPLEMENT

High speed broadband for all

PROTECT

Our library and museum services

INTRODUCE

A bulk energy scheme to cut fuel bills for thousands of people

DELIVER

improved local roads and infrastructure

IMPROVE

access to social and affordable housing

'A dedicated, dependable and compassionate candidate'

Diane Smith, Beaconsfield Road, Fareham: "I have known Chris Matthews for several years, I know he is passionate about the local community and the welfare of others. I am delighted he is standing as a Fareham Town candidate in May."

Martyn Jones, Highlands Road: "I know Chris professionally and personally. He supported my family and me through some challenging times showing a great deal of compassion and understanding. I am sure he will be a tremendous asset to the local community."

Ian Miles, The Avenue: "I have known Chris Matthews for over 4 years. He is a compassionate, wholly dependable and knowledgeable person with strong family and social values. I wholeheartedly support his candidacy for Hampshire County Council."

Suzanne Gilder, Red Barn Lane: "I have known and worked with Chris Matthews for over 8 years. He is dedicated to supporting local residents and the community and I am really pleased he is running for election."

David Hercock, High Street: "I have known Chris professionally and personally for many years, during which he has always acted with the utmost integrity and professionalism and is very passionate where local community matters are concerned. He has my complete support for his candidacy."

Chris Matthews says: "I will represent residents' interests in all wards of Fareham Town Division"

Out and about town with Chris Matthews

Important community social hub



Chris Matthews (centre) at the Highlands Hub with Councillor Leslie Keeble and residents Sue Gilder, Samantha Brown, with Caspian, and Christine Readyhough. It was funded by Hampshire County and Fareham Borough Councils. Chris will ensure such community development continues.

These potholes and ruts need urgent repairs



Residents pointed out wear and tear damage to the road surface and rutting of verges by inconsiderate drivers in Blackbrook Road and Southmead area. If elected, Chris will take action to remedy the situation.

Value for money



"£90,000 well spent," says Chris pictured on the new pedestrian crossing in Highlands Road opposite the surgery. The money was also used to update the other 2 crossings

Flooding is on Chris's agenda



Chris will work with Fareham East Ward candidates Jackie Hudson and Tom Davies and the Environment Agency to find a permanent solution to Wallington's flooding problems.

Vital facility



Chris Matthews regularly uses Oak Meadow Children's Centre with his two children, Benjamin and Jessica, and is committed to protecting such vital facilities.

Pedestrian refuge wanted here



With South Ward Councillor Dennis Steadman discussing the possibility of a further traffic refuge further up Bishopsfield Road due to number of young children trying to cross the road and heavy traffic and buses.

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