



InTouch

PARK GATE WARD

‘End this hospital red tape scandal’ says Simon

DEMANDS are mounting for an end to NHS red tape which is stifling expansion of much needed services at Fareham Community Hospital.

The £24m showpiece has been open just over 5 years, but is tangled in a web of officialdom.

Park Gate **Conservative** candidate **Simon Martin** says: “It’s a scandal. How can a hospital cater for the community if it only opens Mondays to Fridays for 45 hours a week?”

Medical bosses say the building is totally under-used and there’s nobody in overall control.

Ironically, it is the NHS that insists the hospital must be fully used before it can be developed to completion.

InTouch revealed recently that extra services proposed by the NHS Property Services Agency would have to rent space at commercial rates.

Simon Martin said: “This is why the Red Cross medical loans store has not been used for the last 5 years due to the excessive rent demanded.

“Thankfully, this has now been resolved and Fareham & Gosport CCG will pay the rent. I am pleased to announce that the loan store was opened in March.”

The CCG plans full use of the hospital by contracting out more outpatient clinics and it wants a minor injuries unit and other diagnostic facilities to provide a wider range of services closer to the community.

It also plans to provide further services at the hospital and a day care centre for dementia sufferers.

Simon Martin added: “I will support my colleagues and our MP to ensure that the hospital operates in the interests of residents, that we continue to progress in making essential services available and that our hospital is fully developed for you to use.

“I want to see effective management in place of bureaucracy and service



Simon Martin (left) sees for himself, with the Hospital Friends chairman **Jill Sadler**, Fareham MP **Suella Fernandes** and Park Gate Councillor **Brian Bayford**.

delivery to respond to need and reduce waiting lists. “I am committed to the NHS and to improved management and I will continue to work for this and report back on progress.”

Fareham MP Suella Fernandes persuaded Health Minister Jeremy Hunt to visit the hospital.

He stated: “It was extremely useful to sit down with the key people in the local health economy.

“They have some really exciting ideas to deliver better care at Fareham Community Hospital and to properly join up health and social care.

“I look forward to helping where I can and have asked to be kept updated on progress through **Suella Fernandes**.”

Suella said: “We can do more with Fareham Community Hospital and so I set up Fareham Community Hospital Taskforce to provide leadership and clear strategy on making better use for all.

“I am sure that local campaigners like **Simon Martin** will contribute to a brighter future for the Hospital.”

HEIGHT OF BUREAUCRACY

- 5 separate NHS organisations must be consulted before any action can be taken
- Clinical Commissioning Group contracts services from other NHS agencies, including QA and Southampton General Hospitals, from 8am to 8pm five days a week
- Open only until 5.30pm daily as receptionists and cleaners are employed by another NHS trust

Simon is committed to serving the community



support and guidance is requested. I hope you will give me the opportunity to continue the excellent work of my predecessor, Councillor Marian Ellerton, and when you go to the ballot box on May 5, please pause and reflect upon **OUR** achievements in Park Gate 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

Simon Martin

Dear Residents

I am committed to serving the whole of Park Gate ward and look forward to the opportunity to work for you should you elect me on May 5.

A considerable part of my career has been spent working for local authorities with a proven track record in service delivery.

Conservatives have been in power in Fareham for 17 years and have consistently set one of the lowest council tax rates in the UK.

I will fight for the Council to continue to provide the quality of services that it has done whilst providing residents with value for money.

I will also fight inappropriate development in Park Gate ensuring that planning applications are dealt with fairly and the quality of life for residents is preserved.

I feel it is important to listen to residents' concerns and then try and resolve their complaints promptly in consultation with Council officers.

I have a major interest in education issues and have been a school governor at a primary school and secondary school for over 16 years.

I support the increased provision of apprenticeships, but also consider that 'A' level provision in Fareham needs to be promoted to provide children with the choice of not having to travel out of the area to be educated.

I will ensure that residents can contact me quickly through my new Facebook page for Park Gate and Priory Park and also on Twitter.

For those not inclined towards social media, I will be contactable by phone and email and anybody who contacts me will receive a response as speedily as possible and I will provide whatever

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

- Frozen your council tax for 7 years. We are 5th lowest of 201 councils in England
- New community centres in Fareham, Portchester, Whiteley. Many others upgraded. New £9m Holly Hill Leisure Centre at Sarisbury.
- Daedalus Solent Enterprise Zone to provide thousands of marine/aerospace/aviation jobs
- Hundreds of new affordable homes
- Upgrades/replacements for many children's play areas, skate parks, changing rooms and pavilions
- Millions in grants to local organisations. 100% charity shops rate relief
- Operation Resilience to improve roads across the borough
- New Market Quay shopping centre and cinema
- Provided new CEMAST college, business innovation centre (now full), resurfaced runway at Solent Enterprise Zone, Daedalus
- Removed buses from Quay Street roundabout and provided new bus lane in Western Way
- Planned for most of our housing needs at Welborne to help protect strategic countryside gaps between Fareham and its villages

Long record of experience with local government

I am married to Sarah and live in BurrIDGE with our 4 children.

I was born in Stoke on Trent and studied at university in Leeds, before working in local government in Rotherham.

I moved to Fareham in 1985 and spent 22 years working in local government at a senior management level before moving into the private sector and am currently employed as a director in a large international environmental consultancy company.

I am committed to working in the community and have been a school governor for 16 years as well as establishing a Job Club in 2013 which has brought over 300 people back into employment.

Always available

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Recycling is high on his agenda

SIMON MARTIN has a personal interest in recycling and is keen to improve Fareham Council's already impressive record.

He said: "We are currently one of the higher performing councils in Hampshire.

"The government is developing new legislation to establish ambitious targets for recycling 65% of municipal waste by 2030 and promote re-use and waste prevention.

"This is a professional interest of mine and I will be looking to find out how the Council intends to meet this challenge and re-cycle more, as well as developing a range of recovery and recycling schemes as efficiently and economically as possible.

"I hope you will continue to support the Council's recycling



service which not only reduces the amount of waste to landfill, but also increases revenues."

PHOTO: Simon chats to Brenda Hirst, of Botley Road who uses the recycling centre at Middle Road.

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

- Continue to maintain almost the lowest council tax in the country while making savings and preserving front-line services
- Plan for housing needs at Welborne to preserve countryside gaps between the town and villages
- Improve Newgate Lane by building new southern section, aim to achieve funding for Stubbington bypass which has planning consent
- Improve A27 between Segensworth and town centre with dual carriageway, redesign station roundabout/Gudge Heath Lane/Redlands Lane junctions
- Continue to deliver a Vision for the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus to provide thousands of highly skilled jobs and infrastructure
- Carefully consider plans for an electricity interconnector at Daedalus
- Work hard to ensure certain delivery of 6,000 homes and 6,000 jobs at Welborne by 2036, plus infrastructure (secondary school, 3 primary schools, bus rapid transit and a new all-moves M27 junction 10
- Fight hard any planning appeals which threaten our strategic countryside gaps
- Provide new parkland at Coldeast, new Western Wards cemetery

'An energetic and dedicated champion for Park Gate' – MP



Fareham MP Suella Fernandes: "Simon lives locally with his family and will be an energetic and dedicated champion for Park Gate on Fareham Borough Council."

Jacqueline Palmer, of Higham Gardens: Simon will fight for local people on local issues and I give him my full support as the **Conservative** candidate for Park Gate.

Councillor Brian Bayford: "Simon will listen to all constituents and always try to take positive action where possible."



Anna Daniels Byng, of Shepherds Purse Close, Priory Park: "I am happy to give my endorsement. "I feel certain you are committed to dependably serve all local residents and have every confidence in you."



Councillor Marian Ellerton: "Simon is a real champion for the local community. I have been impressed by the way he has developed his campaign and his experience of working in local government will benefit residents and enable him to become an excellent councillor for Park Gate."

Simon Martin says: "I promise always to LISTEN to your concerns, then to ACT. Contact me any time. Nothing's too small."

Out and about the ward with Simon Martin

Strawberry Fields parking problem



Cliff Godwin of Littlewood Gardens briefing Simon Martin on the traffic problems caused by on road parking at the Strawberry Fields housing development.

A good listener



Geoff and Bridget Thickett, of Pine Walk, Park Gate give Simon their views about developments at the former Coldeast Hospital site.

New centre progress briefing



Simon is shown progress on the new £9m Holly Hill Leisure Centre by Balfour Beatty site manager Wayne Smith.

Noting need for play area upgrade



Simon discusses with Robert Sanders, of Primrose Way, the need to refurbish the Priory Park play area.

New green grant

Simon Martin (centre) chats to (l to r) treasurer Neil Fletcher, president Geoff Tocknell, past president Murray Gorman and secretary Rob White about the £57,000 grant for a new green at Lockwood Bowling Club.



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