



# InTouch

## PORTCHESTER EAST WARD

99% of residents surveyed tell planners...

# 'We don't want Persimmon plundering our countryside'



Trevor Alford: We'll fight an appeal'



FAREHAM planners unanimously rejected the latest bid to plunder the green fields at Cranleigh Road.

It was the **Conservative**-run administration's response to a barrage of objections by local residents. Portchester East **Conservative** candidate **Trevor Alford**, who is pictured with the open space developers are itching to get their hands on, said he fully supported the decision.

"If elected on May 5, I will represent residents' views on this planning application at any future appeal."

Persimmon Homes have tried unsuccessfully for the past decade to bulldoze the land for housing.

Their latest attempt was an outline application for 120 houses.

**Trevor Alford** said developers appealed in 2006, but planning committee chairman and **Conservative Councillor Nick Walker (Portchester West)** made



such a good case that the inspector dismissed it.

A recent survey in Hatherley Crescent and the surrounding roads showed 99% of residents objected to houses being built in our countryside.

**Trevor Alford** said: "The reasons for objection were increased traffic leading to rat-running through Hatherley Crescent and into Beaulieu Avenue, more strain on doctors' surgeries and schools, protection of our countryside and disturbance of the natural habitat which has grown over the years.

"I will always fight to protect our areas of countryside at Cranleigh Road but there are other areas we must protect at Romsey Avenue and Winnham Farm which could be potentially under threat in the future."

The Council is waiting to see whether the developers will lodge another appeal.

# A vote for Lib Dems is a surrender to Brussels



## Dear Residents

I strongly urge you to **Vote Conservative** on May 5 if you want to influence the outcome of the EU Referendum in June.

**Liberal Democrats** are committed to the UK surrendering sovereignty to the Brussels' bureaucrats and paying untold billions of your money to keep the disintegrating EU afloat.

I and your current **Conservative** ward Councillor Geoff Fazackarley, however, will be joining our dynamic new MP, Suella Fernandes, to vote **OUT**.

There are no half measures – either we run our own affairs or we don't.

From creditable information available, we will have a sustainable and profitable future outside the EU.

Millions fought and died in two World Wars to keep Britain free as a sovereign nation.

While Prime Minister David Cameron has his views, he is the only one to give us the chance to choose for ourselves.

Consider the alternative. Had a **Lib Dem**, **Red Socialist** or **Marxist Green Party** been in power, total subserviency to the EU with unlimited immigration straining our health, housing and education services beyond breaking point would have been obligatory.

Most important of all, our national security would have been under the direst threat.

So do think carefully on June 23. A 'stay in' vote will render our great country unrecognisable in 25 years as our national identity is destroyed.

The local elections are separate from the Referendum, but any increase in pro-EU **Lib Dem** councillors can only add weight to their case, whereas

Geoff and I have influence where it matters.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to serve as your councillor for Portchester East and when you go to the ballot box on May 5, please pause and reflect upon **CONSERVATIVE** achievements in Portchester 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

*Trevor Alford*

## 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

## Top level local government experience

Trevor Alford is aged 60 and is married to Mary.

His career has always been associated with the gas industry.

While living in Brighton he was a ward councillor with the unitary authority, involved initially with education and trading standards and later as a cabinet member.

He also served on the planning committee.

He has worked in Portchester East ward since July 2011 and lived there since October 2014.

He said: "There is a sizable elderly population in Portchester and we should do all we can for this often undervalued section of the community.

"I have become aware of the strong public opinion for safeguarding the green field site at Cranleigh Road.

"Another cause for local concern is the sorry state of the flood defences on the shoreline which have crumbled away.

"Through my long career in public work, management, HR, teaching etc, I feel I can communicate well with all elements of the community."

## ALWAYS AVAILABLE

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## Trevor gives full support to precinct petition

**CHARLENE WORSFOLD'S** petition was on the agenda of the meeting of a planning review panel recently.

Traders fear the Lidl superstore will have a knock-on effect on the shopping precinct.

**Conservative candidate Trevor Alford** said the Council had reacted quickly to the 200-signature petition demanding action on the future growth of the shopping centre and a review of opportunities to increase shoppers and boost the local economy.

"The Council set up a member working group for Portchester District Centre.

"It will tackle key issues such as improving and enhancing retail and leisure offers and encouraging the vibrancy of the district centre.

"Charlene's petition will form part of the discussions, and consultations will have to be held with residents and traders as part of this process.



"Free car parking is key to this vision and I will always fight to keep free parking in Portchester. This is an exciting project for Portchester's village centre."

**PHOTO:** Charlene Worsfold meets Trevor Alford to discuss the way ahead for the precinct.

## Unitary authority boss says: 'You're lucky to have Trevor'

**I AM DELIGHTED to be able to provide a reference for Trevor Alford.**

I've known Trevor before, during and since being Leader of Brighton and Hove City Council.

As a councillor, Trevor was always hard-working, committed to his ward and engaged with his community in a constructive and active way.

After a relatively short time as a councillor, I decided to bring Trevor in my cabinet as the Cabinet Member for Central Services.

Trevor's responsibilities included ensuring that the back-office functions of the council ran as efficiently as possible.

This included IT and personnel functions. He was always open to new ideas to improve service quality and provide better value for money.

I have seen Trevor argue his political position with verve and skill and never shrunk from a political fight.

I would recommend Trevor as a **Conservative** councillor without hesitation, any **Conservative** association would be lucky to have him.

**Councillor Mary Mears**  
**Former Leader**  
**Brighton and Hove City Council**

**Trevor Alford 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 Trevor Alford

### Keen to promote apprenticeships

### ...and help apprentices



Left: Trevor shows Fareham MP Suella Fernandes around his workplace, Steve Willis Training Ltd, Murrils Estate, Portchester where they train apprentices, which both are very keen to promote. Right: Trevor supports local businesses by working with Suella to help apprentices such as Lewis, a newcomer to Portchester who's working to refurbish a property.

### Marina path tidy-up



Trevor helping Mr and Mrs Woodman of Portchester Civic Society to clean up a footpath to the marina.

### Clean for The Queen



Trevor Alford (right) and Councillor Nick Walker help clear Wicor shore of litter as part of the national 'Clean for The Queen' event to mark HM's 90th birthday.

### In or out? Discussing the referendum



In a discussion in the precinct about the EU Referendum, Portchester resident Chris tells Trevor Alford he's voting 'Out', but his friend Tracy hasn't yet made up her mind.

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