



In Touch

with our community

PARK GATE WARD – BOROUGH ELECTION SPECIAL

Unfair planning system ignores local infrastructure needs

Brian works flat out to fight over-development



Bridge too far: A resident complains to Councillor Brian Bayford about the footbridge that has been erected without planning consent by developers at Red Oaks Drive, Park Gate.

THERE is an increasing pressure on our local infrastructure of roads, parking, doctors etc by the over development of flats with minimal open space and parking facilities.

Over the last 3 years, with my colleague Councillor Marian Ellerton, we have argued against every one. One 'success' has been to reduce the number of houses proposed on the Coldeast site. However, this development will still provide an extra 230 houses with access onto the already overcrowded A27.

Every application that has been refused by the Borough Council has been granted later on appeal to the Government.

This has, however, caused extra problems for residents where conditions of working have not been applied. Lower Duncan Road, is one such example where 'yellow lines' are regularly ignored, lorries double park in the narrow road, residents have difficulty in accessing their own driveways and the developers have ignored normal approved times of working.

In an acknowledgement of the limitations of the site the developers have built a footbridge into Red Oaks Drive for the use of their workers.

Planning permission has not been granted for this and, if not

removed, it will enable the new residents to park in Red Oaks Drive causing congestion and problems. This issue is, and will continue, to be fought.

Recently it was not possible for the refuse lorry to collect the rubbish from Red Oaks Drive. Two applications for major development off Bridge Road have been refused; one is now under appeal and being considered by Government inspectors; a third is being submitted.

George Osborne, Conservative Shadow Chancellor, stated in February:

"We want a planning system that that listens to communities and not imposed by top-down housing targets administered by un-elected, unaccountable regional government.

"We want a system which ensures that new housing does not impose impossible burdens on already overstretched local infrastructure like roads and schools."

This is what I want for the residents of Park Gate.

The best chance of changing the current unfair system is to re-elect your **Conservative Councillor**.

On Thursday, May 4, 2006 that's **BRIAN BAYFORD**.

We keep *In Touch* throughout the year - not just at election time

A record of ACTION, a promise of MORE

Dear Elector

I am seeking re-election to the Borough Council on May 4th and hope that with my proven record of help for residents and my wide knowledge of the public services you will continue to give me your full support.

I have a grave concern over the Government's intervention in **planning** issues and have sought over the past 4 years to fight inappropriate development in Park Gate.

I believe that local decisions affecting local residents should be dealt with locally not in Whitehall. There are now 7 planning permissions for flats within 400 yards of Middle Road which have been granted on appeal and a further 3 applications have been refused for developments off Bridge Road.

I am helping local residents organise a Park Gate Residents' Association to provide a united opposition to further developments. I have supported many other land acquisition/planning difficulties and problems have usually been resolved by consultation.

A major problem facing our community is **LITTER** and it currently costs **us**, the council taxpayers, close to £1,000,000 per year to clean up. I have initiated immediate action to clear broken glass from footpaths. This has recently been necessary with footpaths in Priory Park and off Brook Lane. I have required all footpaths, especially those leading to schools, to be more frequently checked and cleared. I will press for more education, especially at schools, to encourage people to dispose of litter properly.

Following problems with graffiti and vandalism at Priory Park Community Centre a grant was secured from the Council for CCTV cameras. Discussions are being held with the chairman and committee of the Community Centre and the president and chairman of the Lockwood Bowling Club to identify improvements to the building to improve toilet and changing facilities. When plans and cost are available I will press for supportive funding from the Borough and County Councils.

The new law on 'high hedges' was effective from June 2005 and advice has been given to residents with problems. So far, all but one has been resolved in consultation with neighbours.

I have a major interest in education issues as a long-serving school governor (and past Chairman). I initiated the highly successful Annual Charity Schools Prom that gives pupils the opportunity to demonstrate their considerable musical talent at a professional venue as well as raising funds for the Mayor's Charities. The mainstay of this event is the contribution from Brookfield School.

As a Trustee of Fareham Community Action, long term supporter of the Rainbow Centre and with my NHS experience I am very much aware of the concerns of the elderly, infirm and disabled.

Fareham has an urgent requirement for a Community Hospital and I am aware of the current financial problems from the NHS in progressing this important need. However, as Fareham's representative to the Primary Care Trust Planning Team I use every opportunity to promote our cause. I believe that an opportunity now exists for these facilities to be developed on the Coldeast site to replace the closed Blackbrook Maternity Home and St Christopher's Hospital.

Every resident who has contacted me has been helped as speedily as possible and I will continue to provide whatever support and guidance is requested.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Brian Bayford

On Thursday, May 4 please vote for

COUNCILLOR BRIAN BAYFORD

Polling stations open 7am – 10pm

Local man with a long record of service and achievement for the community

BRIAN BAYFORD is married to Susan and has lived in south Hampshire for nearly 40 years, the last 10 in Fareham.

He served in the Army with 17/21st Lancers, followed by 10 years on Army Emergency Reserve. He saw action in the Radfan, Aden.

Brian trained in management at ICI and made his career in public services. He retired from the NHS having been responsible, amongst other things, for the development of the Health Centre programme in Hampshire.

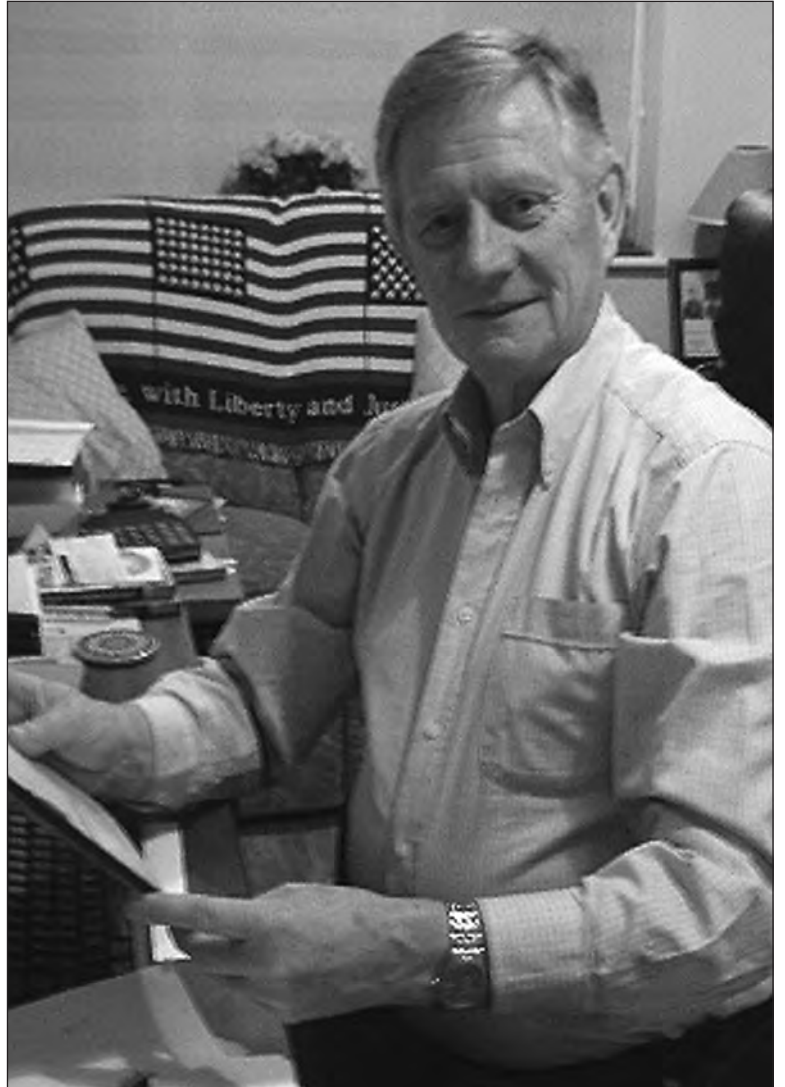
Over a period of 10 years, he planned and developed 34 health centres in Hampshire and advised on others in Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Nottingham. He currently represents Fareham on the Primary Care Trust.

A Councillor for Park Gate since 2002, he has been Executive Member for Health and Environment since 2004.

He chaired the Clean & Tidy Borough Review 2003/4, and is also a member of the Planning Development Control and Licensing Committees.

He has been chairman of Portsmouth Environmental Forum for 13 years and is past chairman of Fareham Community Action.

He performed with South Down Musical Society and can claim 40 years' experience on the amateur stage.



Brian Bayford working on the next edition of *In Touch* which keeps constituents informed throughout the year.

Brian is always available for his constituents

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Highly rated by MP and fellow councillors

Brian has worked hard for local people. He puts his immense experience to work for you.

He has used his knowledge from working in the health service to campaign for a community hospital for Fareham.

He makes sure that your voice is heard in the council offices and he always put your interests first.

Brian is an excellent councillor and deserves your support on 4th May.

Mark Hoban

Member of Parliament for Fareham

It gives me great pleasure to commend Councillor Brian Bayford to you for re-election to Fareham Borough Council.

He has done sterling work on your behalf during his 6 years as a Borough Councillor and as Editor of *In Touch*.

He has been unstinting in his efforts on behalf of you, the residents, as anyone who has ever taken a problem to him will know.

I am delighted that he has agreed to seek election. I hope that

you will support the only candidate with the proven ability to represent you effectively.

Councillor Seán Woodward

Executive Leader, Fareham Borough Council

Councillor Bayford and I have jointly served Park Gate Ward since the revised Ward structure in 2002. We have an excellent working relationship and he has excelled in tirelessly working for the local residents - whether it be an individual issue or a problem concerning a wider group.

I can thoroughly recommend him as a Ward Councillor and I sincerely hope you will vote BAYFORD on Thursday, 4th May 2006, so that he can continue to work hard and long for the residents of Park Gate Ward.

In doing so, you will support the only candidate with the proven experience and ability to represent you effectively and the only candidate who has been working for you for the past four years.

Councillor Mrs Marian Ellerton

Out and about with Brian Bayford

Badgered by residents



Bin laden: A resident of Badgers Copse complains to Brian that road congestion caused by builders' cars is stopping refuse lorries getting through.

Planning breach



Bad spot for exit



Brian is trying to stop access on to the busy A27 from this site in Bridge Road. Two applications were refused, a third has been submitted.

Brian is pursuing a breach in planning consent for development in Lower Duncan Road which is being built up to the edge of the kerb (above).

Security matters at Priory Park



Safe hands: Thanks to Brian's efforts, the council gave a grant to Priory Park Community Centre to install CCTV after a spate of vandalism and graffiti. He's pictured here discussing security issues with the warden.

Meeting on the green



New plan: Members of Lockwood Bowling Club outline an extension scheme to Brian.