



# InTouch

**SARISBURY & WHITELEY – Autumn 2017**

## ‘We’ve taken more than our fair share of new homes’

**FAREHAM Borough Council is required to have a local plan in place stating what land should be used for housing, what land for employment and what should be protected from any development, writes Sarisbury Councillor Seán Woodward.**

Periodically the local plan needs to be reviewed. It is over 20 years since (with the exception for the allocation of the Welborne site North of Fareham) we have had to allocate any new greenfield sites for housing.

Back in those days Whiteley was a huge allocation in our local plan in the Sarisbury Ward with some 1,500 homes and we also had Coldeast allocated by the then Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott at a planning appeal, and that too has seen several hundreds of new homes built.

This means that Sarisbury Ward has taken a huge proportion of the greenfield development over the last quarter of a century.

When the Council had its statutory “call for sites” to roll the local plan forward by another 10 years to 2036 developers and landowners put forward over 200 sites for over 10,000 houses including over 1,100 in the Sarisbury Ward.

In fact, the plan only requires 2,500 in total to be allocated on greenfield sites and, following an examination of all sites, none has been proposed for development in Sarisbury Ward.

This will not of course prevent developers submitting planning applications and there are several on the books for determination at the moment in Swanwick and Burridge.

They are contrary to both the existing local plan and the new draft local plan.

In fact, a proposal to massively expand Burridge was made by a depute at the meeting which resolved to publish the draft local plan for public consultation.

Commenting, Councillor Woodward said: “Sarisbury, Swanwick, Burridge and Whiteley have taken more than their fair share of Fareham Borough’s new homes over the last quarter of a century and I know that residents will be relieved that the Council is not proposing to allocate any more sites for development here.

“We accommodated thousands of new homes last time around and also have 3,500 extra houses with permission on the Winchester side of Whiteley to contend with over the next 20 years.”

## Fareham same-day GP appointments scheme off to a steady start

**A NEW SERVICE for Fareham people to make urgent same-day GP appointments welcomed its first patients in September as it got off to a smooth start.**

However, only 40% of surgeries have so far agreed to participate and patients who use the others are encouraged to get their GPs to ‘sign up’.

Fareham Primary Care Service (FPCS), based at a hub at Fareham Community Hospital, Park Gate, dealt with 60 patient calls in its first three hours after going live at 8am.

Four of the ten GP practices in Fareham are working together to develop a new way of offering urgent appointments to patients who want to see a health professional on the day they make contact.

The participating practices are Highlands Practice, Jubilee Surgery and Whiteley Surgery. Stubbington Medical Practice will also join the scheme, from January 2, 2018. Other practices may follow if it proves successful.



Routine appointments at GP practices are not affected, and continue as before.

Dr Tom Bertram, the Titchfield GP who is clinical lead for the project which has been funded by the Better Local Care initiative, said: “It’s all gone very smoothly. I’d also like to thank everyone at the Community Hospital for getting the room, IT, and everything else in place.”

Patients wanting urgent same-day appointments phone their GP practice as normal and, if they agree to their details being shared with the service, they will then be called back in order of clinical priority with a nurse/GP having a detailed conversation with them - which may result in the patient being given advice over the phone or offered an appointment, either at the hospital or the surgery.

**PHOTO:** Dr Tom Bertram, from Jubilee Surgery, and Amanda Gray (left), the practice manager at Highlands Surgery, discuss the new service with Dr Derrin Wilkins.



**NEWS ROUND**



**CCTV needed**

There have sadly been several reports of anti-social behaviour and out-of-control dogs in the area of the new play park

Councillor Seán Woodward requested that CCTV to provide coverage from Holly Hill Leisure Centre and informal fencing of the toddlers' play equipment should be provided.

**Pedestrian crossing bid**

We have received complaints about the safety of pedestrians crossing at various points on Brook Lane.

It is particularly perilous when Brookfield pupils are travelling to and especially from school.

County Councillor Seán Woodward asked the County Council to carry out pedestrian and traffic surveys to see whether any crossings are justified.

The surveys have been completed and we await the results.

**Project grants**

Every year County Councillor Seán Woodward has a £8,000 grant fund available to him to distribute to good causes active in the Sarisbury, Park Gate, Whiteley, Burrige and Swanwick area.

If you are involved with a group which would benefit from funding to make a project happen then please contact him.

He recently made a £1,000 grant to Fareham Citizens Advice Bureau for an instant access advice scheme to train and equip counsellors with appropriate IT to work remotely.

He has also contributed £300 to Burrige & Swanwick Women's Institute for new age curling equipment to help them keep fit and enjoy life.

**School move delayed**

Due to delays in starting development of 3,500 houses North of Whiteley, Cornerstone Primary School's move will now be delayed to September 2020 to avoid the disruption of moving into new buildings part way through an academic year.

**Living in sheltered comfort**

**SYLVAN Court, a £5m sheltered housing scheme for our older residents, was opened in August.**

Providing a mix of 36 one and two-bedroom apartments for those aged over 60 with some care and support needs, Sylvan Court is filling up fast.

It is situated on the site of the old Cold-east Hospital. The opening was performed by the Mayor, Councillor Geoff Fazackerley and Council Leader Seán Woodward, pictured with a resident who said she was delighted with her new apartment.



**Third time lucky for new youth club?**

**CHILDREN'S charity Y-Services is using a grant from County Councillor Seán Woodward to start a new youth club in Whiteley after the demise of the previous two.**

The youth club is about having fun, educating, empowering, volunteering and participating and will create opportunities to encourage young people to achieve their potential.

It will support them in the transition to adulthood, providing learning opportunities which challenge them critically and creatively.

Seán Woodward commented: "I am confident that, with the backing of Y-Services this time, it will succeed in the long term. I hope parent volunteers and others will come forward to support our local youngsters."

PHOTO: Seán Woodward receives an appropriate award from chairman Andy Kennedy for getting the big yellow bus for Y-Services.



**Traffic scheme hits buffers as contractor pulls out**

**TRAFFIC calming schemes for Swanwick Lane, Swanwick and Yew Tree Drive, Whiteley have been beset by problems, culminating in the contractor pulling out.**

Work to round off the corner of the Clydesdale Road/Yew Tree Drive was delayed for months awaiting the disconnection of the signs by Scottish & Southern.

Hampshire County Council maintenance section refused to support the positioning of speed cushions which were part of the approved scheme on Swanwick Lane, positioned between the build-outs.

In two cases, these are left looking absurd with only a miniscule narrowing effect. There have also been complaints from Swanwick Lane residents about incomplete elements of the scheme.

The widening of Swanwick Lane on approach to

the A27 junction lights has been very well received, although people immediately started using the new lane as a car park, so double yellow lines will have to be painted.

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "Problems with implementing what should have been a relatively simple traffic calming scheme have been numerous and the entire job remains incomplete with safety surfacing and painting remaining plus the unresolved issue of the speed cushions.

"I do have a commitment from the director that, following a fall of snow and a test of the resilience of the Yew Tree Drive speed cushions, then the Swanwick Lane ones can be installed.

"It is unfortunate that these issues have arisen and I apologise to residents on behalf of Hampshire County Council for this and the fact that the

schemes are not yet completed."

He met the safety audit team on site and made recommendations for improvements which will be considered when the final audit is done. These include:

- At the road narrowings re-position the edge of carriageway marking to make the road appear to be narrower
- At the road narrowings remove the centre line to provide less comfort to drivers passing through
- At the chicane reposition the priority signs onto the actual chicane buildout to provide greater visibility
- At the road widening on the approach to the A27 junction install double yellow lines to prevent parking



**They couldn't wait to try it**

**HAPPY kids sprinted into the newly opened Holly Hill Play Area to try out the exciting new facility**

Councillor Jon Butts says it offers a range of attractions for all ages, including an inclusive swing, zip wire and huge climbing units. There is outdoor gym equipment, a good

selection of seats, picnic tables and footpaths.

A plaque marks where time capsules filled by Sarisbury Infant and Junior Schools and Park Gate Primary School pupils were buried – to be opened in 2042!

The Council also re-furbished the playground at Sarisbury Green over the summer, implementing various improvements suggested by local users.

PHOTO: Council Leader Seán Woodward with kids at one of the time capsule plaques.

**Brickworks garden awards**

**PAM FORMBY, from Bursledon Brickworks, says she is delighted the museum received two awards in the Fareham in Bloom contest.**

She says: "The Wildlife Garden (pictured), for which Councillor Seán Woodward supplied a grant for renovation, received a silver bronze and the whole site also received a silver bronze in the Commercial Landscape Section.

"It was really great to receive some recognition for the volunteers' hard work."



**Walkers welcome upgrades to popular Hamble footpath**



**HAMBLE Causeway, one of South Hampshire's most popular footpaths, is being repaired and upgraded.**

Emergency repairs were carried out just before Christmas 2016, shoring up a major breach.

These have now been followed up with re-decking and the installation of ramps on the 'Chinese Bridge'.

Further work is planned for late winter/early spring 2018, improving the surface condition and further shoring up of the banks.

This is funded by Fareham Borough Council planning agreements, with additional capital from Hampshire County Council.

Chairman of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee, Councillor Seán Woodward, said: "I am so pleased that, following an inspection of the path which I carried out with Hampshire's Rights of Way team last year, these improvements have come together so well and have received so much local support."

**Celebrating Daedalus 100**

**ONE HUNDRED years of aviation were celebrated with a special event organised by the Council at Solent Airport in September.**



Councillor Jon Butts said 2,500 visitors marked the anniversary, with many resident aircraft in the static display, while stands showed historic, current and planned aviation activities enabled by investment in Fareham's own general aviation airport.

Visiting pilots from America, Australia and Sweden returned to join the celebration and exhibit particularly rare aircraft, including the oldest – a Beech Staggerwing flown from Daedalus with the Fleet Air Arm in 1944.

A larger event is planned for 2019 marking the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, during which hundreds of Spitfire, Seafire, Mustang and Typhoon missions were flown from Daedalus during the Battle of Normandy.

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# Extra 3,100 homes plan goes for consultation amid protest storm

**AMID A STORM of controversy and protests, the vital new draft Fareham Plan was approved by the Executive for public consultation**

It followed heated debates, residents' deputations and objections from councillors whose wards will be affected.

It covers the period 2011 to 2036 to include the Welborne element and extends the rest of the Borough from 2026 to 2036 – an extra 10 years – to have a single terminus date.

And it is essential to prevent scores of developers climbing on the bandwagon in a free-for-all as happened in **Lib Dem** controlled Eastleigh.

Councillor Keith Evans, executive member for planning and development, said

Fareham's requirement for the plan period was 8,300 houses and 85,000 sq metres of employment space.

He said: "We are 6 years into this timeline so some of the houses and some employment space has already been delivered or agreed.

"The net balance for which sites need to be identified and agreed are around 3,100 houses and 13,000 sq m of employment space.

"Developers and landowners have submitted over 200 sites to be considered, but if all these were used, we would have an extra 10,000 to 11,000 houses and an extra 65,000 sq metres of employment space. We have prioritised using brownfield sites in the town centre.

Council officers faced the massive task to assess each

site's suitability, sustainability and developability with reference to other bodies such as education and health.

Many sites were rejected with others identified with varying degrees of suitability, leading to development of a planning strategy with a 3-pronged approach:

**1** Large (or clustered) sites that would enable delivery of community benefits.

This resulted in proposed sites in Warsash (700 homes), Titchfield (400 homes), town centre (600 homes), North Portchester (350 homes), South Portchester (350 homes) and Stubbington (475 homes)

**2** The balance (about 500 houses) from smaller sites

**3** Try to spread the burden and impact across the Borough

The plan is a statutory requirement to meet annual housebuilding aims of the political parties.

In fact, **Conservatives** have the smallest target of 200,000 homes, while the **Lib Dems** want to build 300,000.

The consultation period ends on December 8 with all responses being considered in the preparation of the formal plan to be published by next summer.

This will be subject to further consultation before submission to the Planning Inspectorate to arrange a

public examination, probably at the end of 2018.

The plan with all supporting documents is available on line and paper copies in libraries and the Civic offices.

The table below shows the total number of houses on sites across the Borough on which developers want to build. Most will have to be defended at public inquiries.

Fareham N	304	Portchester E	103
Fareham NW	133	Portchester W	921
Fareham E	785	Salisbury	1,124
Fareham S	0	Stubbington	2,302
Fareham W	254	Titchfield	1,161
Hill Head	198	Titchfield Common	438
Locks Heath	0	Warsash	2,698
Park Gate	64	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,485</b>

**Conservatives** stress the importance of affordable homes.

We have over 1,000 Fareham families on the housing waiting list needing Fareham homes.

These could be for rent (council housing @ 60% market rent, housing association @ 80% market rent), shared equity (part rent part buy), starter homes at a 20% discount on market value or even self-build.

\*See Fareham Today Special at <https://tinyurl.com/y8f3f54t>



**HIGHWAY improvements costing £350m will transform the roads system in and around Fareham over the next few years. This is the schedule:**

**Late 2018:** £250m to convert the M27 from J4 to J11 to a smart motorway (as pictured) by adding extra lanes each side on the hard shoulder and regular refuges, with variable speed limits like the northern section of the M3.

**Summer 2019:** £20m to improve J9 with extra lanes, enlargement of Rookery Avenue/Whiteley Way roundabout

## £350m boost for new roads

plus traffic light installation, complemented by extending Bluebell Way to join Botley Road at Curbridge and Whiteley Way to provide two northerly exits from Whiteley. It has a £15m grant from Solent Local Enterprise Partnership. £20m improvement to J8, Windhover roundabout and the A3024 into Southampton, are brought forward.

**From 2021:** £60m creating an all-moves J10 at Welborne.

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "Many people ask where are the road improvements to support the much-needed new homes across our area. Well here they are.

"Taken on top of the £100m of road improvements in and around Fareham, such as the dualing of the A27 between Segensworth and Titchfield, the Stubbington bypass, Newgate Lane, Peel Common, Fareham Station and St Margaret's roundabouts, we are really delivering in terms of roads."