



In Touch

with our community

SARISBURY & WHITELEY – SUMMER 2006

Don't miss the bus! You can help shape Fareham's future...

THE BACK end of a bus isn't usually this attractive, but this smiling face is what you'll see if you get stuck behind one.

Facing up to Fareham's future is the Council's duty, but it wants everybody to help put together the new Borough Plan.

Executive Member for Planning and Transportation, Councillor David Swanbrow, said: "This is an exciting opportunity to get involved in planning our future, so using borough-wide buses to encourage community involvement seemed like an excellent way of spreading the message."

Work on Fareham's Local Development Framework (the replacement for the current Local Plan Review adopted in June 2000) is moving on apace.

This process will guide the future of Fareham for the next 20 years so it is important that residents have a chance to have their say on the options that will affect not only them but their children and grandchildren.

The future of the borough will be set out in broad terms in the core strategy, and the Preferred Options document issued during June sets out possible options that have been developed during earlier stages in the process when residents and organisations were able to respond to the Issues and Options document.

A series of one day exhibitions was set up across the borough - mostly in local shopping centres - to give as many people as possible a chance to have their say, and



On the buses: Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward (left) and Executive Member for Planning and Transportation Councillor David Swanbrow unveil the advert.

three workshops were held, two in the Civic Offices and the other in Ferneham Hall.

The consultation closes on July 31.

Councillor Swanbrow said: "It's crucially important that our residents are given the chance to tell us whether our ideas reflect their thoughts and are on the right road.

"That's why we need to highlight that they are our partners in the future of Fareham.

"During this consultation period there

were almost 20 events being held. These gave our residents borough-wide the opportunity to get involved, to see what we are suggesting and to tell us if we're heading in the right direction."

•Copies of the Preferred Options document are available at libraries throughout the borough, or at www.fareham.gov.uk/ldf.

...But the Government made sure you had to run to catch this one

JUST 48 hours' notice were given by the Labour Government that it aims to cram over 50% more houses into the South East.

A paper was published on its official website on June 21 - two days before the deadline for

public comment on the South East Plan - stating the intention to increase the original figure of 28,900 houses per year over the next 20 years to 45,000.

It would mean South Hampshire's annual total rising from 4,000 to 6,571, giving a

total of 132,000 instead of the 80,000 proposed.

Fareham Council Executive Leader Seán Woodward said:

"This would be the equivalent of one extra Whiteley per year every year for 20 years in South Hampshire on top of the exist-

ing proposed figures.

"If we do not hold the line at 4,000 houses per year it is hard to imagine there being a blade of grass left in South Hampshire in 20 years time."

Public examination of the SE Plan is due in the autumn.

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



WARD NEWS BRIEFS

Bridge Road

Pavenments along a stretch of the A27 on Bridge Road, Sarisbury have been resurfaced.

Councillor David Swanbrow persuaded Hampshire Council's Highways Department to do the job after a resident complained it was difficult to travel in her wheelchair because of the poor surface.

Chapel listed

The chapel at Bridge Road, built in 1844, has been added to the statutory list of buildings of architectural merit.

Before 1844 local Baptist meetings were held in a boathouse and this church was built with help from Mr Moody, owner of the adjoining boatyard on the River Hamble.

A plaque commemorated George Harding who built the chapel in 1844 and preached for 60 years.

Rookery Farm

The County Council granted further temporary permission to the site operators, but only after County Councillor Seán Woodward had got the Regulatory Committee to impose stringent conditions.

These include reductions in working hours for recycling and throughput of 200,000 tonnes down to 140,000 tonnes annually.

Noise, dust and lighting limits were also imposed.

A liaison group was set up, chaired by Councillor Woodward, to ensure future concerns are dealt with quickly.

New baby unit meets a crying need for pre-school places at Sarisbury

A NEW baby unit catering for 30 children under two years has been opened at Woodlands Pre-School, Barnes Lane, Sarisbury.

It has created more spaces for two to five-year-olds and the nursery has now expanded to 108 places.

It was opened by Fareham Borough Council's Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward, who commented: "I was delighted, having opened the

pre-school just last year, to be invited to open the baby unit.

"The fact that the pre-school is already full is proof positive that it is filling a desperately needed gap in the market. I wish staff and children all the best for the future."

Owners Michael and Angela Vulliamy are proud of what they



All smiles: Staff pose with Seán Woodward after he opened the new unit.

have achieved in a short time and said Woodlands was very much about children and their parents, and they tried to do their best by creating separate areas for each age group.

"This has been achieved by having a close working relationship with our parents and listening to their comments through

open evenings and questionnaires.

"We struggled at the beginning as we had opposition from our surrounding neighbours, but in the past few years we feel we have proved to them that we are an asset to the community.

"We have created good quality childcare places."

Countyside protection deal sought in Coldeast land sale

LAND at Coldeast Hospital is about to be sold to a major housebuilder.

This ends uncertainties about the part of the site with planning permission for 250 houses which the government granted on appeal several years ago.

The part of the area sold will accommodate 150 houses as the remainder of the consented site is still used by the Sylvan Clinic and other facilities.

Lord Wilson School will stay put. The rest of the Coldeast site, apart from land allocated for Fareham's long-awaited community hospital, incorporates the mansion and over 100 acres of countryside.

Sarisbury and Park Gate councillors have been negotiating with landowners English Partnerships to persuade them to make a freehold gift of most of the land to the Council for use as a park and informal recreation. They declared:

"We believe the vast majority of the Coldeast site should

rightfully come to Fareham Borough Council to be safeguarded in perpetuity for free public access.

"The area around it has seen significant housebuilding and this area should form an oasis of calm to be enjoyed by all residents. We will do everything in our power to acquire this land for the benefit of everyone."

The mansion could be converted for residential use and the parkland restored. There is scope for formal leisure uses including sports pitches and, if the Locks Heath swimming pool plan fails, a public swimming pool and fitness centre, community centre etc.

Original footpaths will be reopened and there is a need for a cemetery to replace that at Holly Hill which is nearly full.

The key is likely to be how much extra development should be permitted at Coldeast for most of the site to come into Council ownership. Residents will be fully consulted.

Seán thanks his supporters for a resounding election victory

Dear Electors

I wish to thank you very much for re-electing me to Fareham Borough Council to represent Sarisbury in the May elections.

This is my 6th 4-year term and I will serve until 2010. It was a tremendous victory for Sarisbury.

The result was:

Seán Woodward (Con)	1,483 (81%)
Liberal Democrat	195 (10%)
Green	93 (5%)
Labour	76 (4%)

This is the highest share of vote obtained anywhere in Fareham Borough and the Conservatives remain in control of Fareham Borough Council with me as their Leader.

I pledge to continue to represent Sarisbury's residents to the best of my ability.

If I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to get InTouch!

Annoyed by selfish parking

SEVERAL residents of Coldeast Close were upset because they could not drive into their own driveways.

The reason? Selfish parking by parents and others attending sports day at Sarisbury Junior School on June 20.

Said one resident: "There were cars parked all over the place and on the grass in the middle. There was no way an emergency vehicle could get round the close."

Councillor David Swanbrow said Coldeast Close was a private road, so there was nothing the Council could do about indiscriminate parking.

The school is one of the last in the borough to start a School Travel Plan, which shows just how badly it is needed.

Landowner lands £7,000 bill for defying council order

Flout the system and we'll catch up with you, warns council

DON'T MESS with the Council – that's the warning a local landowner ignored to his cost.

People living near Downkilm Copse in Sarisbury Green will be pleased to hear that he has been fined £3,000 with £4,000 costs after the Council prosecuted him for non compliance with an enforcement notice.

The enforcement action was to remove hard standing put down without planning permission during massive tree felling work.

He had already been fined for undertaking works in excess of a licence to fell trees issued by the Forestry Commission.

Failure to pay the fine within a given period would lead to a further penalty of three months' jail and the enforcement order



Brazen A car is parked on the hard standing near Downkilm Close that landed the landowner with a hefty bill in fines and costs.

would still stand, leading to further legal action.

Fortunately, the landowner saw sense and on June 21 sent in a digger to remove several lorry loads of hardcore, which was replaced by a good layer of topsoil.

Sarisbury Councillor David Swanbrow, who has been involved with this problem since the beginning, said:

"Although the site looks a bit bare it should green up fairly quickly after any rain and hope-

fully the natural habitat will regenerate.

"Hopefully, this is the end of the problem.

"Had the work not been carried out, it was possible the Borough Council could have undertaken it itself and put a legal charge on the land ultimately to regain its costs. This is a far better solution."

Councillor Swanbrow added: "You can flout the system for just so long but eventually we will catch up with you."

SARISBURY & WHITELEY CONSERVATIVES

We are very active with social and political events and membership drives. If you would like further details, to join us, or to help in any way such as distribution of *In Touch* newsletters in your road, please contact your ward councillors.

ANY PROBLEMS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Please write the details here and give the exact location

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Your man in Westminster



By Mark Hoban MP for Fareham

The Government used the World Cup to bury bad news. They sneaked out proposals to build 45,000 houses a year in the South East on the day England played Sweden.

No wonder they wanted to hide this as it would mean in South Hampshire alone building 130,000 houses over 20 years compared to the current plans for 80,000. The scene is being set for the Government to overrule these plans and force through higher numbers and when I asked the minister who has the final word on this to rule it, she refused.

We know we need more houses in the South East: people are living longer and more of us are living on our own. These factors push up the demand for houses.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for young people to get on the housing ladder because of rising house prices. New homes are inevitable, but who should decide how many are built?

At the moment, the final decision about how many houses will be built in our community will not be taken by local councils, despite the work they put into developing plans.

A minister sitting in Whitehall will decide how many houses will go in Fareham and how many of them will be built on brownfield sites (including back-gardens) and greenfield sites.

I think this is wrong. It is time that local people had a much greater say over development. You and I will have to live with the consequences of development, not the civil servants and ministers sitting in Whitehall. We will have to deal with the traffic jams from the front door to the school gates to the office car park, when Government fails to spend enough money on the roads needed to support all the extra housing. It is right that we have a stronger voice in those decisions so that we can decide how best to meet the needs of our community.

•You may contact Mark via his office 14 East Street, Fareham PO16 0BN. Telephone: 01329 233573 email: mail@markhoban.com

Fareham tops county waste recycling table

FAREHAM residents have wasted no time in helping the Borough Council to meet Government recycling targets.

In fact, householders have responded so well that the Council has exceeded the 30% target.

In the quarter to April, a figure of 37.8% was achieved – the highest in Hampshire and one of the best in the country.

Councillor Brian Bayford, Executive Member for Streetscene, commented:

“This is due to the efforts of many residents in fully using the blue-top recycling wheelie bins and to the extra free service offered by the collection of green waste.”

However, the target to be achieved by 2010 is 50% so further plans are being made to support and advise residents who are unsure of what to recycle and those who do not take advantage of the recycling facilities.

Owing to the success in meeting the Government target a special grant has been allocated by a Government agency (WRAP) to further encourage recycling.

This will be used to provide a monitoring and ‘door-stepping’ programme by a specialist team. The

team will identify areas and residents with problems and provide assistance to help and advise.

There are about 90 blocks of flats or maisonettes that are currently

unable to be properly serviced due to inadequate space or difficulty of access.

Priority is being given by the Council to resolving these problems and the ‘door-stepping’ team will also be involved.

All new flat developments in the Borough are required to meet guidelines on space and servicing for waste management.

Some residents have requested extra green sacks, which can be provided up to a maximum of 3.

These will be collected by the ‘dusties’.

However it is not possible to collect green waste in anything but the bag provided.



Not the way to do it: ‘Dusties’ will only collect garden waste that’s in official green bags.

WHAT’S AVAILABLE TO YOU

1 x 240 litre green top bin (for those with a 140 litre)

2 x 240 litre blue top bins (for recycling)

Green garden waste sacks

Ring 01329 824387 or 824389.

For further information, call Councillor Brian Bayford on 01489 880740

Poached carp a better risk than roast venison

POACHERS have switched their prey in Holly Hill Woodland Park from deer to fish.



They’ve discovered there’s more profit in live carp than dead venison.

Large numbers of carp or koi (the Japanese name) live in the park’s lakes and on still sunny mornings their vibrant colours can be seen as they rest near the surface.

Some reach over half a

metre and children feeding bread to the ducks are surprised when the carp move in and grab it first.

Salisbury Councillor David Swanbrow said: “These big fish must be very tempting to anglers and some have

been caught by police while attempting to catch them and their rods and tackle confiscated.

“A big carp, if well marked, can be worth several thousand pounds to collectors, which makes the temptation to catch one even more alluring.”

Councillor Swanbrow, a member of the Friends of Holly Hill Woodland Park, said anybody who spotted poachers trying to catch fish should use their mobile to phone the police on 101.



Carpark: Scores of carp live in the lakes.