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with our community

SARISBURY WARD – BOROUGH ELECTION SPECIAL

Developers target green field next to The Spinnaker

Hands off! Seán fights to keep open space



Browned off: Seán Woodward surveys the greenfield site at Swanwick that developers want to turn 'brown' to build on it, while the eyesore (below) remains a derelict waste of space.

SARISBURY Councillor Seán Woodward has been approached by planning agents who wish to see the land on the corner of Swanwick Lane and Bridge Road adjacent to the Spinnaker public house covered in housing.

A development brief has been drawn up which, despite the land being zoned as coast and countryside in the local plan, suggests that it should be treated as brownfield land and built on.

Commenting, Councillor Woodward said: "This is a green lung at the entrance to the Borough.

"It makes a very pleasant backdrop to the children's playground and provides an open aspect to the River Hamble and the marina.

"I have told the agents that I do not believe it is appropriate to develop and that I would not wish to lose it."

There have been various attempts to develop this land over the last 20 years all of which have been resisted by Fareham Borough Council and upheld at subsequent plan inquiries.

Meanwhile, the site of the old Texaco garage a few yards along the road is a

complete eyesore and in contrast could really do with a sympathetic redevelopment scheme as residential, employment or both.

There is currently a planning application to use the site temporarily for car sales, but a permanent solution really needs to be found which will enhance the area.

Why not use this site?



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

A record of ACTION, a promise of MORE

Dear Elector

I am writing to you to ask for your support in the Borough Election on May 4th. I would like to draw your attention to some of **my achievements over the past 20 years as a Borough Councillor** and my priorities for the future, should you re-elect me.

We urgently need a **new primary school built in Whiteley** as well as another secondary school to serve the Western Wards. It is pointless having 5 out of 6 secondary schools in the East of the Borough when 40% of the population is in the West. I have worked hard to achieve the new primary school and **since I was elected to the County Council last year the necessary £5.5 million has been sourced, a possible site identified and two consultation exercises held.** I will continue to work within the very limited time frame to establish the new school by September.

I have always attempted to keep as tight a rein as possible on extra house building in the Sarisbury/Swanwick/BurrIDGE/Whiteley area while working within the confines of laid-down planning policies. **A top priority has been to keep major house building off the Coldeast Hospital site** and during my 20 years as a Councillor not one house has been built on the land. I am now working hard to persuade English Partnerships, the site owners, not just to sell the entire site, **now on the market**, to the highest bidder, but **agree the sale of the hundred acres of countryside without planning permission to Fareham Borough Council** so that it can be safeguarded in perpetuity as countryside and for informal recreation. I am continuing the battle to get Fareham's **Community Hospital built on the site along with accident treatment facilities.**

I feel that it is important within major development areas that suitable community facilities are provided. I have been instrumental in negotiating for and/or identifying sites for such facilities in Whiteley as a **community centre which I was proud to open, doctors' surgery (under construction), NHS dental surgery, playgrounds, schools, skatepark and shops.** I also **dought about the installation of BT Broadband services in Whiteley.** I am continually fighting for the completion of Whiteley Way, which will help Whiteley, as well as relieving traffic congestion in BurrIDGE and Swanwick. We need community facilities and transport infrastructure, not simply more houses.

One of my main priorities is Road Safety, which is why I **formed the Fareham Road Safety Council** several years ago. I led an anti-speeding campaign in recent years concentrating on a number of roads in the area including **Botley Road, Barnes Lane, Swanwick Lane (where I achieved a lorry ban) and Yew Tree Drive.**

I **successfully led opposition to the continuing use of Rookery Farm, Swanwick** as a site of concrete crushing and other noisy and dusty materials reclamation. The result was the County Council refusing the application for years more of these activities along with the issue of an enforcement notice. **I shall support residents at the forthcoming appeal** with the aim of getting the landfill operation completed as soon as possible so that the incessant noise, lorries and dust can become just an unpleasant memory. I shall also represent local views on the new application just submitted.

I have been instrumental in proposing and achieving funding for **environmental improvements in the area** including the facelift for **Park Gate shopping area** and improvements to **Sarisbury Green and Swanwick Shore**, including bringing about their designation as **Conservation Areas.**

I have become increasingly concerned with the ever-increasing levels of vandalism and anti-social behaviour and set up a **Vandalism Task Force** to introduce a strategy to combat the problem. It has succeeded in reducing the toll of vandalism in the area with a combination of CCTV and more prominent policing. I am now pressing the **County Council to employ accredited community safety officers** for our area as I believe the more uniforms we see on our streets the safer people will feel. This is why I also approved a group of enforcement officers for Fareham Borough Council to clamp down on dog fouling, littering, abandoned vehicles, fly tipping, etc.

I will continue to work closely with the Sarisbury and BurrIDGE & Swanwick Residents' Associations and Whiteley Community Association and continue to publish the In Touch Newsletter, now in its 21st year and **Sarisbury's only local newsletter.**

If you re-elect me I **promise to continue to fight on your behalf to preserve and improve the area we all share.**

Yours sincerely

Seán Woodward

On Thursday, May 4 please vote for

COUNCILLOR SEÁN WOODWARD

Polling stations open 7am – 10pm

Local man Seán's 20 years of service and achievement for the community

COUNCILLOR Seán Woodward is married to Rosemary and they have a 7-year-old son, James.

He lives in the Sarisbury Ward, having lived in the Western Wards of Fareham for 35 years.

He has an Honours Degree in Biology and works in the pharmaceutical industry in the field of Oncology.

Seán Woodward is the Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council. He is also past-Chairman of Sarisbury and Park Gate Conservatives, founder of the Sarisbury and Park Gate InTouch Newsletter, now in its 21st year and a keen conservationist. He is also a member of Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Police Authority and Fareham's Community Safety Partnership.

He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Fareham, a founder member of the Rotary Club of Whiteley, a member of the National Trust, the Royal Yachting Association and of the Institute of Advanced Motorists.

Seán Woodward was first elected to Fareham Borough Council in 1986 to represent the Sarisbury Ward and was re-elected in 1990, 1994, 1998 and 2002 with ever-increasing majorities.

Apart from chairing Fareham Borough Council's Executive (the main decision-making body) he is the Vice-Chairman of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee and also serves on many local, regional and national bodies representing Fareham. One of the most important of these is the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) which comprises the leaders of all the South Hampshire Councils and seeks to influence the government to provide much needed infrastructure for the area both to make up the current deficit and to plan for the government's future growth agenda.

He is the founder and past-Chairman of the Fareham Road Safety Council and the Whiteley Community Association.



Seán Woodward: Sarisbury voters have shown their appreciation of his record of achievement by increasing his majority every time since he was first elected in 1986.

Seán is always available for his constituents

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Highly commended by MP and fellow councillor

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

He has done sterling work on your behalf during his 20 years as a Borough Councillor, year as our Hampshire County Councillor and as Editor of *In Touch*. He has been unstinting in his efforts on your behalf as anyone who has ever taken a problem to him will know. I am delighted he has agreed to seek re-election. I hope you will vote WOODWARD on Thursday 4th May and support the only candidate with the proven ability to represent you effectively.

David Swanbrow, Sarisbury Councillor

Seán has always put your needs first.

In every aspect of his work, he champions the needs of the residents of Sarisbury, Swanwick, Burridge and Whiteley.

The evidence of his commitment and dedication are everywhere around you - whether it is the Community Centre in Whiteley or improvements to the Green in Sarisbury - Seán has made his mark. I urge you to support him on Thursday 4th May.

Mark Hoban, MP for Fareham

Out and about with Seán Woodward

What hospital?



Strange that a new sign should be erected when the hospital was closed 15 years ago. Seán is fighting to get a Community Hospital built here with accident treatment facilities.

A new surgery soon



After the doctors were unable to develop their preferred site, Seán suggested they buy their existing site from the Council. This will be developed this year to include dentists and a pharmacy.

Botley Road

Gull Coppice



Thanks to Seán's initiative, Gull Coppice, Whiteley now has shops, school, community centre, physiotherapy centre and dental surgery with a pre-school to be completed



Seán pressed for more traffic calming on Botley Road through Burridge and has been instrumental in obtaining £33,000 from developers to pay for it. The scheme must now be designed and be an improvement on what is presently there.

Helping to manage the River Hamble



Seán is Vice-Chairman of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee and has set up a working group to hear evidence of users' concerns about the new harbour dues, which were introduced with limited consultation and upset many river users. He will make recommendations to the Harbour Board on the best way forward.