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WHITELEY – AUTUMN 2011

Planning brief seals future for Coldeast site

THE FUTURE of the 150-acre Coldeast site has been settled once and for all and promises tremendous public benefits.

These include an extension to the new Community Hospital, a swimming pool and many more.

It's taken a 25-year struggle, much of it against the last Labour Government's dictatorial planning policies, to achieve.

With a relatively small price to pay in new housing, the Conservative-led Borough Council tipped the planning scales very much in the public's interest by adopting the Coldeast Development Brief.

Had former Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott got his way, 1,000 more houses would have been added.

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "It will ensure development is planned and delivered in an integrated and comprehensive manner."

The brief provides for:

- Affordable and sheltered housing
- Recreation and leisure
- Site option for a swimming pool
- Cemetery and allotments
- Biodiversity enhancement
- Accessible parks, woodlands and green spaces
- Repair and re-use of listed buildings including the mansion and its landscape.

Coldeast's planning history dates from 1986 when an application for 800 houses was refused by the Council.

Numerous applications and refusals followed, culminating in an appeal decision when former Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott gave consent for 250 houses.

His decision affected 35 acres.

The development brief proposes a further 170 homes and up to 60 for sheltered accommodation on 17 acres, plus 77 acres for open space and community facilities.



Looking ahead: Whiteley Councillors David Swanbrow (left) and Seán Woodward visit the Coldeast site.

There are 10 acres for healthcare uses, including expansion of the community hospital.

Other uses include Lord Wilson School, Royal Mail sorting office, Coldeast Mansion and its grounds which comprise 11 acres, so housing will occupy about a third of the site and over half will be handed to the Borough Council to maintain.

Councillor Woodward said: "I worked successfully for over 20 years as a Sarisbury councillor to keep building off the Coldeast site and it was

only after we lost the planning appeal that it was zoned in part for housing.

"This development brief finally settles the future of the site in perpetuity and ensures that with a limited amount of extra housing there will be tremendous community benefits.

"Without the new facilities and handing over of the land the housing cannot happen.

"It is important that additional money is generated from the housing to provide improvements to education and transport locally."

Olympic daffodil rings reminder of the greatest sporting show on earth



SPRINGTIME at the Allotment Road recreation ground in Sarisbury will bring a colourful reminder of the momentous spectacle to come later in the summer.

Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club, the Fareham in Bloom team and Councillor Seán Woodward are pictured planting daffodil bulbs in the shape of the symbolic Olympic rings.

Local sporting organisations joined the Community and Streetscene team and Fareham in Bloom volunteers to plant bulbs to celebrate the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and create a lasting legacy.

The bulb planting took place at the four newly nationally-designated Queen Elizabeth II playing fields in the Borough at Allotment Road, Wicor in Portchester, Bath Lane in Fareham and Seafeld Park in Hill Head.

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NEWS BRIEFS



Whiteley on-line

If you would like to get "on-line" with members of the community in a friendly, non-threatening atmosphere to discuss issues about living in Whiteley, Hampshire or any other topics of interest then there is only one place to go.

Log on to Whiteley Community Forum at www.whiteleyforum.net

Cash in hand

Councillor Seán Woodward still has £2,500 left in his County Council grants fund ready to award towards deserving community causes.

Dictionary gifts

For several years, County Councillor Seán Woodward has funded the Rotary Club of Whiteley to present dictionaries to school leavers at Sarisbury Church of England Controlled Junior and Whiteley Primary Schools.

He has just awarded £400 again for this year's leavers to receive the books.

"A dictionary is appropriate to give to children moving from primary to secondary school and I am sure they will treasure them in later life."

Community funding helps Whiteley girl footballers buy new kit

WHITELEY Wanderers Football Club has been awarded £600 to buy 16 new kits for the newly formed girls' team.

Borough Council Leader Councillor Seán Woodward said: "The team has been established in the last three

months and is a real success story within the local football community.

"The money awarded from the Community Fund will help the team buy the new kits."

The girls were invited to join the team through the school-club link project showing the

excellent relationship the club shares with the local schools.

Whiteley Wanderers FC has also recently been awarded the Charter Development Club Standard by the Football Association which recognises the high standard of the club's facilities and its coaching team.

Reckless cyclists put school kids' safety at risk, police warn

RECKLESS cyclists are threatening school children's safety on the greenway network in Whiteley and police are warning them to slow down.

It was built for shared use of cyclists and pedestrians and is now more heavily used by cycle commuters following the improvement of the cycle route between Solent Business Park and Swanwick Railway Station.

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "We have received several complaints recently about the reckless behaviour of a minority of cyclists who are riding very fast among young children on their

way to and from school, often without any audible warning.

"The police have now become involved at our request to issue friendly warnings to some cyclists to watch their speed and to give an audible signal when they approach.

"We have a wonderful network of greenways in Whiteley which are enjoyed by all – walkers, cyclists, young and old.

"All groups can and have safely co-existed for many years and with a little commonsense and courtesy from a minority of cyclists will I am sure do so again."

Council acts to stop illegal parking at junctions

COMPLAINTS about illegal parking near junctions in Whiteley have led to the Borough Council painting double yellow lines.

The culprits are some parents with children at Whiteley Primary School and others.

The problems involve people leaving cars too close to the junctions with Yew Tree Drive and Arabian Gardens and occasionally parking on the south side of Rookery Avenue, reducing the road to a single lane.

Painting of double yellow lines should help prevent this with a proposal to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph.

Signs have also been erected warning of school children in the area. The new regulations have been approved and the painting should be done soon.

Ward councillors, county councillor, the school's head teacher, Winchester City Council and the police were consulted and supported the proposals.

New pavement makes it safer for pedestrians

PEDESTRIAN safety on Sweethills Crescent has been improved.

The County Council has built a new pavement on the Buchan Avenue side of the road leading to the Strawberry Track and roundabout.

County Councillor Seán Woodward said: "We have received complaints about the dangers for children walking to school needing to cross at the Buchan Avenue pillar box where the pave-



ment ran out, which is on a bend and down a hill.

"This new pavement will make walking on Sweethills Crescent safer."

Tree control

THE Council will carry out work on trees and shrubs forming a buffer between housing and Yew Tree Drive.

It's part of the long-term tree management plan for Whiteley and is due to take place this winter.

Collapsing

THE surface of Yew Tree Drive between Sweethills Crescent roundabout and Gull Coppice is collapsing in several places.

Seán Woodward has asked the highway authority to fix it in the next financial year.

Oh yes it is!

IT'S PANTO time again at Ferneham Hall, Fareham.

'Beauty and the Beast' is this year's show from December 9 to January 1.

Call the booking office on 01329 231942 or email boxoffice@fareham.gov.uk



Community Hospital is surgery option

HAMPSHIRE NHS has suggested 3 options if the proposed closure of Locks Road Surgery goes ahead.

1 Transfer to the Whiteley Surgery.

2 Transfer to an extended Brook Lane surgery.

3 Use space at the Community Hospital for a new surgery.

Option 1 is impractical for most residents as the Whiteley Surgery is too far.

In the circumstances, using accommodation in the Community Hospital would be the preferred option.

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "Whiteley Surgery was built for Whiteley patients and can take them from the existing Whiteley and from the proposed doubling of its population.

"It is on this basis that the Council agreed to sell the doctors the land.

"It is unlikely it could accommodate all the Locks Heath patients as well as those of an expanded Whiteley."



WHITELEY church has existed for 20 years, but you can't worship in it.

The Church owns the site pictured above, but can't afford to build.

Whiteley's church where you can't take a pew

So the congregation attends services in the Community Centre.

But all that may change when 3,000 new homes are added to the area.

County Councillor Seán Woodward raised the issue at a recent North of Whiteley Forum.

He asked whether building a church would be a legitimate charge on the development consortium.

Planning consultants acting for the development consortium agreed it could, but knew nothing about the Whiteley church group that might want to run it.

"I'm amazed they are apparently unaware of the existence of the church group. Now they most certainly are.

"The consortium will, I hope, now agree that the building of a place of worship is a reasonable thing to do for the community," he said.

Countryside and a community will be swamped by vast North Whiteley plan

WINCHESTER City Council wants to double the size of Whiteley by adding 3,000 homes.

It would extend Whiteley northwards into Curbridge and, if approved by an inspector at a public inquiry into Winchester's new local plan next year, construction would begin in 2013.

It would bring about the completion of Whiteley Way northwards to join the A3051 Botley Road at Curbridge.

This is likely to be early in the development, so Yew Tree Drive would also be opened to all traffic as the condition in the Fareham local plan would have been met.

Development of the land north of

Whiteley is entirely on countryside which has been in the control of a development consortium for several years.

Councillor David Swanbrow, who represents Fareham Borough Council on the North of Whiteley Forum, said:

"This is a vast development of concern to a number of people both from within Whiteley and in Curbridge, a small community which risks being overwhelmed by this major development.

"There are, however, several major infrastructure benefits once Whiteley is expanded, including Whiteley Way, a secondary school and more primary schools."

Popular traders' carol service gets a cash grant

COUNTY Councillor Seán Woodward is again supporting the popular Park Gate traders' carol service with a grant to cover the costs.

It takes place on Monday, December 12 at 7pm.

The traders supply hot mince pies and soup and there will be a raffle.

Share a taxi to hospital

A BOOKABLE taxi-share service is running to take people to the Community Hospital.

It follows withdrawal of the local bus service and will run for a trial period.

It will start at the Lockswood Centre with pick-up points at several locations.

Costs will be £2.10 single or £3.50 return, with reductions for children. Bus pass holders travel free.

Call 01962 846786 for information.

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Their questions often put me on the spot



Anthony's RC Primary School and Cams Hill have new freedoms to build on their success.

Year 5 pupils at Wicor Primary School put me on the spot by asking for my election winning tips just before they hold their own elections.

I NEVER cease to be impressed by our local schools - whether it's the questions pupils ask or the commitment of staff and students to raise standards.

Congratulations to two local schools on becoming the first academies in Fareham: St

When I visited Henry Cort Community College students explained how we could improve facilities for teenagers in Titchfield Common.

The Principal, Phil Munday, then took me to talk to students about their work as part of an anti-bullying day.

High tech treatment at the vets'



DESPITE the challenging economic climate, local businesses thrive.

New technology helped Titchfield's Eaton Aerospace win the contract to make the fuel system for the new Boeing 787. Man's best friend gets high tech surgery at the Companion Care vets' surgery which I opened.

View from the battlements

JAMES Humphrys from the Environment Agency took me to the top of Portchester Castle to talk about flood and environmental risks.



Historic day for Fareham when Olympic torch blazes into town



IT'S MADE from gold coated aluminium, pierced with 8,000 holes and shaped like an elongated cornetto. And it's coming to Fareham.

Even its designers admit the Olympic torch has a slightly 'bling' appearance, but nobody among the thousands expected to line Fareham's streets to see the relay of runners bearing it

towards its destination will care much about that.

The symbolic flame, lit by 11 'vestal virgins' at Olympia in Greece and making a 70-day journey across Britain from Land's End to the Shetland Islands, will be passing through on Sunday, July 15 - 12 days before the opening of the London 2012 Olympics.

Fareham Mayor Councillor Trevor Cartwright said: "It's an honour for me to confirm that the Olympic flame will



be coming to Fareham as part of its 8,000 mile journey to the Olympic Stadium in London."

He made the announcement with Council Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward, pictured in Westbury Manor Museum garden with the 1948 London Olympics torch, where they greeted representatives from the 10 'Get Set' network of schools and the college in Fareham, who are demon-

strating a commitment to Olympic values.

Any school or college in the UK can become a member of the 'Get Set' network and receive rewards and recognition from London 2012.

Fareham is one of over 1,000 villages, towns and cities announced by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games through which the Olympic flame will be carried by relays of torchbearers.

The 30-inch tall torch has 8,000 laser-pierced holes, each representing a relay runner and the distance the flame travels, and the triangular sides reflect the three Olympiads staged in Britain.

The torch that passes through Fareham will be one of 8,000 made by a small London firm - one for each runner.