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WHITELEY – Autumn 2013

Up to 800 jobs will be created as....

Tories net £70m cash bonanza for Fareham

IT'S AS GOOD as having the winning ticket for the Euro Millions lottery.

Money has been ploughed into Fareham in the past few months – thanks to the influence of Council Leader Seán Woodward and the **Conservative**-run Borough and County Councils.

There is already £70m in hand to invest in infrastructure, business and hundreds of jobs, as listed below.

And the total could top £100m if Transport Secretary Patrick McLaughlin can be persuaded to fork out £30m for the long-overdue Stubbington by-pass when he meets Councillor Woodward and Gosport MP Caroline Dinenage.

The big spend will include the Solent Enterprise Zone at the former HMS Daedalus and widespread road and transport improvements across the Borough.

So how did Fareham reap such a golden harvest?

Seán Woodward wasted no time in Winchester after his re-election as County Councillor for Sarisbury Division.

His appointment as Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment soon followed. So did the cash.

As he also sits on the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (SLEP), Transport for South Hampshire and Isle of Wight



Flying high: A WW2 Catalina flies over Lee airfield where the Solent Enterprise Zone will be built at the former home of the Fleet Air Arm.

and the Local Transport Body, he was able to bring his influence to bear and either decide on or lobby for the millions now being invested in Fareham.

He said: "These important infrastructure projects will help to retain and safeguard thousands of jobs in the Borough and I am delighted to have played my part in bringing this investment to Fareham."

Solent Enterprise Zone

Serviced plots for marine, aviation and aerospace businesses; Business innovation centre
New access roads
College for 900 advanced engineering students
New hangars; resurfaced runway
Cost: £50,000,000
Investors: Fareham BC, Hampshire CC, SLEP, Government

Fareham Town

Western Way improvements, relocation of bus lane providing direct bus link from bus station
Buses removed from Quay Street roundabout
Improvements to Redlands Lane/Gudge Heath Lane, station roundabout
Cost: Over £7,000,000
Investors: Hampshire CC (£1,000,000); Department for Transport (£6,000,000)

Access to and from Gosport

Improvements to Peel Common roundabout and Newgate Lane
Cost: £9,000,000
Investors: Hampshire CC, SLEP, Government departments

Western Wards

Mitigation measures for Burrigde, Swanwick and Whiteley due to opening of bus gate from Yew Tree Drive to all vehicles
Cost: £285,000
Investor: Hampshire CC

Only CONSERVATIVES can deliver such investments

NEWS ROUND



Seán thanks voters

Seán Woodward has thanked voters of Sarisbury Division who again put their trust in him to represent them on Hampshire County Council for a third term of four years.

"I achieved over 70% of the vote, one of the highest vote shares in the country and will continue to do my best for the area we all share."

He was appointed as Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment in the Conservative administration.

Mayor's charity total

Last year's Mayor, Councillor Dennis Steadman, has thanked everybody who contributed to and helped towards raising a splendid total of £17,200 for his chosen charity, Wessex Heartbeat.

Access All Areas

Fareham Borough Council's extremely popular summer scheme with activities for children of all ages culminated with a festival (Whestival) held on the Meadows Recreation Ground which was voted by all to be a great success.

School governor needed

County Councillor Seán Woodward has to nominate a new governor at Whiteley Primary School.

It is an important community role and if you are interested, please contact him so that the governing body can be brought up to full strength. Full training is provided.

What will you get out of being a governor?

- The knowledge that you are helping schools and pupils.
- Satisfaction of giving something back to the community
- A sense of purpose and achievement
- New skills which may be useful elsewhere
- Broader horizons
- New friends

Whiteley bus gate opening prevents unacceptable traffic delays during road works

THE CONTROVERSIAL bus gate between Yew Tree Drive, Whiteley and Botley Road has been open to all traffic since work started on the motorway bridge at Junction 9 of the M27 several months ago.

Without this, there would have been unacceptable delays leaving Whiteley and through Park Gate during road works on the new pedestrian crossing.

Fareham Council approved an application from the County Council to keep the bus gate open for a further year so the effects of the opening under normal conditions can be monitored, but the M27 works, not due to finish until January 2014, are making this difficult.

Mitigation measures include speed cushions the length of Yew

Tree Drive, a signal controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing on Yew Tree Drive near Gull Coppice with a 20mph speed limit and a ban on heavy goods vehicles using the bus gate, even for access.

There will be two new lollipop crossings – one near the Sweet Hills Crescent roundabout and one at the Rookery Avenue/Yew Tree Drive junction.

In Swanwick Lane, works will be undertaken to alter the white lining aimed at changing the road environment and reducing vehicle speed.

The works will be monitored during the trial and may be modified as a result. Pedestrian refuges are planned at the western end of Swanwick Lane and on Botley Road between Rookery Avenue

and Calabrese, with uncontrolled crossings near Station Road and Beacon Bottom.

Speed cushions will be installed on the uncalmed arm of Sweet Hills Crescent. Flashing speed limit reminder signs in Botley Road, Swanwick Lane and Yew Tree Drive will be monitored and their positions altered if required.

The measures will help decide if further works will be needed when the link is permanently opened once Whiteley Way is completed.

An application for development north of Whiteley is due to go to Winchester City Council in the new year, so it may not be long before Whiteley Way is completed and the 25-year-old Fareham Borough Council policy, now under review, is superseded.

3-month trial: Your questions answered

A 3-MONTH trial opening of the Whiteley bus gate has been agreed from February 2014.

County Councillor Seán Woodward took the decision as County Council Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

He has set down a series of questions and answers to clarify the situation for Whiteley residents.

Q Will the bus gate be closed until the trial starts?

A It will remain open as the M27 junction 9 roadworks will not end until January. The agreed mitigation measures must be in place before the trial starts.

Q Some may say that because we are spending £285,000 on mitigation measures that the permanent opening next summer is a foregone conclusion.

A It's a matter not of IF the road will be permanently open but WHEN. The local plan always envisaged an opening once Whiteley Way was completed. The planning application for that road is expected in January.

Q If the bus gate is going to be opened to all cars was the £800,000 cost a waste of money?

A Some may say £800,000 spent on the bus gate is a complete waste of money.

The fact is that 95% of the cost of the link was the roundabout on Botley Road, diversion of



Lollipop lady: Staying, but only for a couple of weeks to allow people to get used to the new Toucan crossing, then moving to the junction with Rookery Avenue.

utilities, road construction, etc.

The actual bus gate element was a very small proportion of the total. Even the cameras will be useful in policing the lorry ban. There will be a total ban on any HGV using the bus gate. If £800,000 had not been spent by housebuilders Persimmon on constructing the link then any talk of opening, trial or otherwise, would be academic.

Q What about the lollipop lady on Yew Tree Drive where the TOUCAN crossing is to be provided?

A She will stay on site for a couple of weeks to show everyone how to use the new crossing. We are delighted that she has agreed to move to a new crossing point at the Yew Tree Drive/Rookery Avenue junction which hopefully will encourage people to leave their cars at the Park and Stroll facility at the Solent Hotel and walk to school.

Q How will a successful trial be judged?

A All traffic (speed, volume and vehicle size) as well as noise and air quality will be measured during the trial to enable a judgement to be made on the success or otherwise of the trial and what, if any, additional mitigation measures are required if the opening is to be made permanent.

He commented: "It is clear from the most recent survey of public opinion that there is a strong desire from the majority on both sides of the bus gate for a trial to take place, provided that suitable mitigation measures are put in place first."

"I hope all residents, regardless of their views on opening, will agree it is a comprehensive suite of measures."

"However, should any more prove to be necessary by the end of the trial then I will not hesitate to go further as appropriate."

"Safety is absolutely paramount which is why there has been a particular emphasis on traffic speed and safe crossing points."

Still loads of cash available for community causes – just ask Seán

THERE'S a pot of money available for local community causes.

County Councillor Seán Woodward has been dishing out cash from his £8,000 county grants budget.

But after awarding grants to several groups, he still has £5,000 up for grabs.

"I would welcome applications for the remain-

der as it is such a useful way of helping local community groups to flourish," he said.

To date he has paid £150 to Y-Services for a summer play ranger scheme, which proved most successful.

Then there was a £500 grant to the Blue Lamp Trust Bobby Scheme, a practical service providing home security, long-life smoke alarms

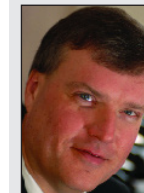
and peace of mind for the needy, elderly and vulnerable victims of burglary.

Burridge AFC received £2,000 for dug-outs. A similar amount was given last year for new goals.

Dictionaries paid for from a grant to Whiteley Rotary Club were presented to pupils at Sarisbury C of E Junior School.

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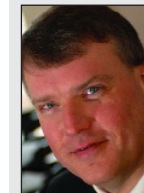
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Would you like to **ATTEND** social or political events with like-minded people?
Would you be willing to **HELP** us by delivering **InTouch** newsletters in your road?
If your answer to any of these questions is **YES** then why not **JOIN** Sarisbury & Whiteley Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Please telephone David Swanbrow on 01489 572723.

Triumphant opening for Whiteley school after years of campaigning

THE NEW Cornerstone Church of England primary school on Bader Way, Whiteley opened in September in temporary accommodation after years of campaigning by Councillor Seán Woodward and parents.

He said: "I am so pleased that we now have a school which will in time mean that no Whiteley children will be forced to leave Whiteley for primary education.

"It is only last May that I attended a meeting with a group of determined parents following which I lobbied the county council's Director of Children's Services on their behalf



as well as my colleague councillors involved with education.

"To get a school up and running in not much over a year is little short of a miracle and I must pay tribute to the County Council officers, parents,

the Diocese of Portsmouth and Andrew Saunders, chairman of governors who had the vision to keep fighting for the right solution."

It will deliver education for 210 children in temporary buildings and will be accommodated in permanent buildings in the North of Whiteley development.

The Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt Rev Christopher Foster, performed the opening on October 22.

PHOTO: Seán Woodward with headmistress Charlotte Weavers, vice-chairman of governors, the Rev Sandy Matheson, and some of the lucky children.



YOUR voice in Westminster
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Local businesses helping economy to turn the corner

CONFIDENCE is growing in Fareham's business community that the economy is turning the corner.

I believe we have a vibrant local economy, with people like Jennie Goodman who started an online wedding business, then took over A Bride-2-Bee in Warsash with financial support from Barclays.

Businesses like Lockheed Martin, where I'm pictured with Mark Cooper, use cutting edge technology and recruit both graduates and apprentices as they invest in their future.

We see this in August's unemployment figures with 200 fewer people in Fareham claiming Jobseeker's Allowance compared to a year ago, but we cannot be complacent in confronting the challenge of unemployment. I am pleased that local businesses are playing their part.

I recently visited the Co-op in Portchester where they were running a workshop to help the young unemployed understand employers' needs and give them an insight into ca-



reers in retail. This was part of a national initiative called Feeding Britain's Future - recognising the need to meet the aspirations of our young people and develop the talent that will maintain our future prosperity.

Last month, I learned about the excellent work that the Rotary Club of Fareham does to support projects at home and abroad – a reminder of the generosity that underpins so much of what goes on in our community.

In July, I attended a thanksgiving service for the 50th anniversary of Abbeyfield in Fareham, which provides accommodation for older people in East Street. What distinguishes it is the commitment by volunteers to spend time with residents.

At the other end of the spectrum are the Scout leaders who I met at Lyons Copse for the Fareham East Scout Camp, where I learnt how to light a fire with cotton wool and Vaseline! A big thank you to all whose generosity provides the glue to keep our community together.

