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WHITELEY – Summer 2017

As developers run riot across the Hamble in Lib Dem controlled Eastleigh...

Planned strategy to prevent Fareham building free-for-all

DEVELOPERS are climbing on the bandwagon after pressure to provide over 2,000 more homes on greenfield sites by 2036 is forcing Fareham Council to rewrite its Borough Plan.

Blame for the crisis rests squarely on landowners' shoulders for being already 3 years late in bringing forward development of Welborne.

By the time the first homes are occupied there it will be 4 years late, hence the provision of fewer than 6,000 by 2036.

Meantime, developers have inundated planning officers in a frenzied offer of over 100 greenfield sites with a total of over 10,000 houses – 1,300 of them in Sarisbury. This does not include Welborne.

Winchester City Council has already given consent for 3,500 houses on a Whiteley greenfield site which, while not in Fareham Borough, will have significant effect on its infrastructure.

Council Leader Seán Woodward explained: "We are rolling forward the Borough local plan outside Welborne from 2026 to 2036. We would obviously need extra homes in that



period.

"Welborne will still help protect greenfield sites. Without Welborne we would need sites for a further 6,000 houses which would use a lot more than a few additional greenfield sites.

"Because Welborne will be 4 years late it could threaten our 5-year housing land supply, meaning we would lose every planning appeal if we do not make new allocations now."

It's happening in Lib Dem controlled Eastleigh where they don't have a local plan and developers are running riot.

Fareham was required to review its two strategic countryside gaps and conduct an early review of its local plan, which is now under way.

"The housing we are allocating is for Fareham's assessed housing need. These are not externally imposed figures, but are our own needs and not open to challenge.

"We have over 1,000 families on our waiting list today; many more will join over the next 20 years."

Officers are now reviewing every site to determine which are the most viable, deliverable and sustainable so as to prepare a strategy.

Importantly, Fareham can still use its existing plan to exercise judgement on the current need for greenfield sites. Such applications are being refused.

Whiteley Councillors Seán Woodward (pictured discussing plans with residents) and Jon Butts stated:

"We will continue to closely monitor the situation going forward and campaign strongly against any excessive or inappropriate development that may be proposed in our area."

Innovation Centre impresses The Princess Royal

A ROYAL visitor gave her seal of approval to Fareham's successful Innovation Centre when she visited Daedalus to start centenary celebrations of flying from the former Fleet Air Arm HQ.

HRH The Princess Royal is pictured being welcomed by Fareham Council Leader Seán Woodward.

She was impressed to learn about the airfield's history and how the burgeoning Solent Enterprise Zone is

helping to create 3,500 jobs.

She also toured CEMAST and met members of the Marine Coastguard Agency, before presenting the chief executive's Volunteer of the Year Award to Mike Saunders, who served in HM Coastguard for 46 years and helped save many lives after responding to 3,000 incidents.

The Princess unveiled a plaque and cut a celebration cake made by Fareham Council worker Andrea Cripps,

whose granddaughter, Lydia (4), presented her with a smaller version.

There will be a celebration of 100 years of flying at Daedalus on September 16. Tickets available on line, at Ferneham Hall and the control tower.



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NEWS ROUND



Seán thanks voters
County Councillor Seán Woodward thanks you for re-electing him to Hampshire County Council on May 4 with such a tremendous majority.

He said: "I will do my best to represent you whether you voted Conservative or not.
"Many challenges face the County Council, especially financial, and top priority is to continue to deliver excellent services for one of the lowest council taxes in the country."

Worthy causes grants
County Councillor Seán Woodward has £8,000 available for grants to worthy causes in Sarisbury Division. Last year, he awarded the following:
•Cage 4 All CIC - living well with dementia through cricket £500
•Y-Services bus £6,000
•Swanwick Seals sauna £600
•Bursledon Brickworks wildlife garden refurbishment £500
•Whiteley Community Pre-school sensory garden £1,000



SIGN4FUN – sign music for the hard of hearing - were delighted to receive £900 for sweatshirts and a music system.

Charity bike ride
Jon Butts cycled the Wessex Renal Centre's 200-mile one-day fund-raising tour of the centre's kidney dialysis units across Hampshire, Sussex, Wiltshire and Dorset.
It gave a real insight to visit unit wards and see the fantastic work the centre staff do.
Thanks to everyone who donated over £2,500 raised by the team so far.



Y-Bus hits the streets of Fareham

A YELLOW double deck bus is a familiar sight in the Borough.
Y-Services youth charity was given the bus after Councillor Seán Woodward approached First's MD, Marc Reddy.
The Volvo Olympian was brought from Cornwall, First made it roadworthy and fundraisers fitted it out with a kitchen, soft play area and



Painted it in the distinctive yellow and black livery.
Seán Woodward was delighted to help an 'amazing charity' to achieve their dream. His County Council grant of £6,000 went a long way towards fitting it out.

PHOTO: The Y-Bus is officially launched.

How's this for bad parking?

DRIVERS who park inconsiderately in Yew Tree Drive have been criticised by Councillor Jon Butts.
The situation is made worse when some drivers parked opposite the Lipiz-zaner Fields bus stop, making it impossible for others to pass when the bus stop is in use.
Road markings for the bus stop have now been renewed.



Planning document signing delay could hit target dates for new schools

PLANS for the new development of 3,500 houses North of Whiteley by developers in the Winchester City Council area continue to be delayed.
And this is having a knock-on delay in the provision of 3 schools and infrastructure.
Building of the secondary school, two primary schools and the roads to give northern accesses to Whiteley are also delayed and the £15m grant to bring the roads forward early is also in jeopardy.
Councillor Seán Woodward said: "The latest public notice states that the relocated permanent Cornerstone school will be open on the new site with effect from 1st September 2019.
"The ability to hit this target date is dependent upon the signing of the planning section 106 agreement with the North of Whiteley Consortium.
"This must be in a timescale for them to carry out the ecological mitigation across the site prior to transferring the school site to the County Council.
The 106 agreement is still the subject of discussion between the various parties but considerable progress has been made towards the signing of this document.

Humps, a chicane and flashing signs to cut speeds

TRAFFIC CALMING measures are now completed to enhance the Yew Tree Drive scheme and to implement a scheme on Swanwick Lane.
These account for the opening of Yew Tree Drive to all traffic which significantly increased the number of vehicles on both roads. While traffic calming will not reduce the volume it is hoped it will reduce the speeds.
YEW TREE DRIVE
The full scheme comprises new speed cushions, existing ones repaired, improved left turn radius from Clydesdale Road into Yew Tree Drive, repainting of all road markings and flashing speed limit signs.
It has resulted in significant speed reductions, which now average less than 30mph for the entire road length, largely due to drivers having to line up their vehicles to pass over the humps.

Full-width road humps are not supported by the emergency services or the public transport providers and seldom used on distributor roads.
SWANWICK LANE
A major chicane was installed near the motorway bridge where speeding occurred, plus a series of build-outs, traffic islands and a significant road widening to assist more vehicles to turn left at the junction with Bridge Road (A27).
With the flashing speed reminder signs, this represents all that can be provided on the road with one exception— speed cushions.
Unfortunately, the County Council's maintenance officers were concerned about speed cushions being damaged on rare occasions by snow ploughs.
However, an assurance was given to County Councillor Seán Woodward that speed cushions in Yew

Tree Drive will be monitored when the next snowfall occurs; if they survive unscathed, then they will be installed in Swanwick Lane.
BOTLEY ROAD
A commitment was given that once Yew Tree Drive and Swanwick Lane traffic calming schemes were completed, a study would be carried out on Botley Road through Park Gate, Swanwick and Burrigade to see what further traffic calming may be possible.
Seán Woodward said: "I am pleased that these two significant traffic calming schemes are now complete.
"The challenge is always to be able to implement measures when everyone wants traffic calming but nobody wants the features outside their homes.
There will be a safety audit carried out shortly to identify whether any minor changes are necessary."

Developers dig themselves into a hole Winchester dragging its feet over Lidl store plan

WEEKS of disruption were caused by developers of a site on the corner of Station Road and Botley Road.
With no regard for the stability of the road, contractors started digging deeper and deeper without providing any support for Station Road.
County Councillor Seán Woodward called Hampshire Highways inspectors to the site, followed by visits from the Health and Safety Executive.
He said: "One lane of Station Road was closed for weeks while proper equipment was brought in at the developer's expense to make the road structure safe.
"Not only was this a huge disruption for commuters but it also caused significant reductions in customers for local businesses."



NO DECISION has yet been taken over an application to build a giant Lidl store in Whiteley.
Plans were submitted to Winchester City Council on January 18.
There have been many comments for and against.
Councillor Seán Woodward said: "Our concerns regarding the lack of any proposed highways improvements by Lidl have not been

answered.
"According to the planning officer, it could still be months until it goes to the planning committee due to the lack of viability assessment which should have been submitted with the application.
"We seriously wonder why the application was registered by Winchester Council when it was incomplete."



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Brexit Bills will kick-start the EU leaving process

Brexit is now underway and the UK is officially leaving the European Union.

Parliament voted to trigger Article 50 in March, starting the process of withdrawal.

The Queen's Speech in June reflected the opportunity ahead for the UK and included:

- A Repeal Bill to provide legal certainty as we leave.
- An Immigration Bill giving us control over the number of people coming here from Europe.
- A Trade Bill and a new Customs Bill to enable the UK to conduct its own independent Trade policy, helping British businesses trade with thriving global markets.
- A Fisheries Bill and an Agriculture Bill so that we can make a success of Brexit.



Suella

FERNANDES MP for Fareham



Record vote share for Conservatives in General Election

I WAS DELIGHTED to receive the ringing endorsement from the voters of Fareham at the General Election.

Serving in Parliament is an honour and I am grateful to all those who placed their trust in the Conservatives to make Fareham and our country a better place to live.

Over 35,000 people voted Conservative in Fareham – an increase of over 5,000 since 2015- consisting of 63% of the vote which was the largest share since 1935.

Thank you to my wonderful team of volunteers who canvassed, delivered and helped at my events to make it possible.

Particular thanks must go to Councillor Susan Bayford who acted as my Election Agent and Campaign Manager.

Nationally, we would have liked a better result.



Victory: Conservatives celebrate an historic win by Suella after the count at Ferneham Hall on June 8.

Now that a confidence and supply arrangement has been reached with the DUP, we can all get behind Theresa May to lead our country through Brexit and the challenges ahead.

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Surgery dates

I will hold surgeries at different venues across Fareham. Please call to arrange an appointment to meet me.

Keep up to date

To stay up to date with all of my recent visits and speeches in Parliament please sign up to my newsletter at www.suellafernandes.co.uk/contact

Arrange a tour

I am happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster for groups of my constituents. To book please contact my office with a minimum of three months' notice, as they are very popular.

FAREHAM CONSTITUENCY NEWS

Fareham Community Hospital Taskforce update

I am pleased that local GPs, supported by the Clinical Commissioning Group, are planning to offer a Same Day Access Service at Fareham Community Hospital.

This will involve GPs and nurses being available from 8am to 8pm to see patients from across the Borough who need to help that day, alleviating the burden on other surgeries and meeting the local demand.

Politics in the Pub

I was delighted to see so many local residents join me for a pint and a chat about politics at The Cormorant, Portchester.

We discussed the General Election, young people, jobs and Brexit. To hear about my events, sign up to my newsletter by sending an email to suella@suellafernandes.co.uk

Digby Jones comes to Fareham

I run a network of small and medium sized businesses in our local area called the Solent Business Forum, ably assisted by Tim Geoghegan.

Lord Digby Jones recently spoke to the Forum about how business can make the most of trade and investment opportunities. Drop me an email if you run a business in Fareham and want to come along.

