



WHITELEY Matters

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All the signs for the future are good

FAREHAM'S boundary has been marked with new signs replacing the tatty ones some entrances to the Borough have had for several years.

They show the Borough crest, the union flag and cross of St George, as well as the crests of our twin towns, Vannes in France and Pulheim in Germany.

A healthy future for Whiteley



State-of-the-art: Seán Woodward opens the new healthcare centre at Whiteley with LB owner Lisa Brown.

NHS dentist is icing on cake at Whiteley healthcare centre

WHITELEY'S splendid new healthcare centre boasts all mod cons and a rarity these days – an NHS dentist.

The centre of excellence – first of its kind in Hampshire – has been launched in Whiteley to offer the public instant, convenient access to a range of medical professionals and services.

Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, opened the new LB Healthcare Centre.

The purpose-built centre will bridge the gap between the NHS and private sector, and works in partnership with both to give patients a cost-effective service that offers them choice to fit into busy lives.

Services range from manual therapy to therapeutic exercise and electro-physical modalities to the largest hydrotherapy pool in the UK – all under one roof.

The centre has taken five years to come to fruition and has received great support from many local agencies, including Fareham Borough Council.

Councillor Woodward commented:

"I am delighted to have performed the opening of this valuable facility in Whiteley.

"To have a high quality state-of-the-art physiotherapy centre with a hydrotherapy pool is a great asset for Fareham and to have an NHS dental practice is the icing on the cake."



Going: It will soon be farewell to the cabin that has served Whiteley as a surgery for the past eight years.

Council deal with GPs will give Whiteley a new surgery in 2006

WHITELEY people will soon benefit from a permanent doctors' surgery with associated health facilities.

Fareham Borough Council Executive agreed to sell the land at Yew Tree Drive to Health Investments Limited.

Since 1998, residents have had to visit the doctor in a portacabin on the land now being sold for the new surgery.

In talks with Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust (F&G PCT) the GPs preferred Health Investments Limited to undertake the work.

Council Executive Leader Seán Woodward said: "The agreement is a triumph for the people of Whiteley who will benefit from this much needed per-

manent doctors' surgery which will include accommodation for a pharmacy and a dentist.

"We are pleased to support the Primary Care Trust in securing this long awaited facility.

"Doctors have experienced great difficulty in securing a suitable site within Whiteley which is why I suggested they consider purchasing the site they have leased from us for 8 years."

Head of Primary Care for F&G PCT, David Penfold, said: "This agreement creates a single point of access to primary care services for Whiteley for many years to come."

Doctors and the pharmacy will continue to operate on the site until the new surgery opens, hopefully by late 2006.

M27 exit for Whiteley is a 'harrowing experience' – councillor tells county chief

WORSENING queuing on lane 1 of the M27 eastbound exit at junction 9 was discussed when County Councillor Seán Woodward met Hampshire's Deputy Director of Environment.

"Sitting stationary on the motorway at the back of a queue with traffic racing up behind you at 70 mph is a harrowing experience

which needs urgent attention from the Highways Agency," said Councillor Woodward.

It affects Whiteley people coming home in the evenings, but does not occur on the westbound slip which is well over a mile long and accommodates queuing safely.

Progress on the completion of Whiteley

Way (deliverable if Winchester City Council builds 3,000 more houses) and on securing land for Rookery Avenue into highways authority control were also discussed.

Yew Tree Drive will be linked to Botley Road next year, initially for emergency vehicles only, once 50 houses have been occupied in the Dickens Drive development.



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Solent 2 developers pay over £1m towards road improvements



Ground breaker: A digger starts work at Solent 2.

DEVELOPERS have started on the ground work at the cross-border Solent 2 business site at Whiteley and contributed over £1m towards road works.

Solent 2 is half in Winchester (nearest the hotel) and half in Fareham (from the ward boundary sign on Rookery Avenue).

The land no longer belongs to J Sainsbury Developments despite the advertising signs.

There is a detailed planning permission on the Winchester part for a scheme including a number of buildings which it is intended could be used flexibly, either for light industrial and/or offices and warehousing.

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "We understand the developer involved, Catalyst, is selling off individual plots.

"Commencement of infrastructure, including roads, is underway.

"This has triggered the payment of over £1m that is intended in part to fund improvement works in the vicinity of Segensworth roundabout.

"The land for linking Marjoram Way with Rookery Avenue at the Solent Hotel roundabout has also been provided by Arlington plc."

Whiteley's 'square in the round' adds vitality to village centre



WHITELEY'S new square (circle actually!) and shopping centre are progressing well.

Soft landscaping works will be carried out in the November planting season and the sculpture will be erected in March.

This is a welcome feature to add in Gull Coppice which is coming to be the heart of the Whiteley community with pre-schools and primary school, shops, medical facilities and community centre.

The post office and convenience store have opened in their new premises at Gull Coppice, having traded from temporary buildings for seven years.

A hairdresser's and Chinese take-away should open soon. Two units remain to be let.

The commercial nursery being built by Childcare Corporation will complete next year.

Given that the area will be much more heavily used by all sections of the community than at present, Councillor Seán Woodward has requested all tenants of Gull Coppice liaise to provide a high quality CCTV system which can be used to deter anti-social activity and to prosecute should any occur.

"Community safety is a prime consideration and we need to do our best to deter any anti-social behaviour before it starts," he said.



Gull Coppice store and post office open

Meadowside Centre location is preferred for new Whiteley primary school



A NEW one form of entry 210-pupil primary school, expandable to two forms of entry, will be built in Whiteley by September 2007.

Temporary accommodation will be provided for an extra reception class within Whiteley for September 2006.

Councillor Seán Woodward, who has led the campaign for a new school, said:

"My favoured location for a Church of England voluntary aided school with facilities for a

church is on land adjoining Meadowside Leisure Centre.

"I hope this will be announced as the definite site shortly.

"It would very likely require the relocation of some facilities within the recreation ground including finalising the site for the skatepark."