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SARISBURY & WHITELEY – Summer 2018

Fury as new housing criteria wreck Fareham draft plan

NEW HOUSING levels forced on Fareham by Government will wreak havoc with the draft planning strategy, putting hundreds more acres of countryside under the bulldozers.

Whitehall moved the goal posts by applying a new factor relating to the ratio of average income to average house prices.

Fareham must now find yet more space to cram in another 1,500-2,000 homes – doubling the current number of green-field houses required.

Work preparing the well-advanced draft local plan has been halted and much of it will have to go back to the drawing board.

And there's worse to come when yet another Government rule change – the Housing Delivery Test – comes into force in November.

Furious councillors rounded on the minister responsible, James Brokenshire, telling him enough is more than enough.

Council Leader Seán Woodward and MP Suella Braverman will meet the Secretary of State and lay it on the line that the Borough should not be expected to cope with an ever-rising volume of housing thrust on it by Whitehall.

Councillor Keith Evans, executive member for planning and development, said: "We responded to the Government by rejecting the proposals as unreasonable and unachievable in the short term. It fell on deaf ears.

"We now have to decide how to incorporate all these



additional requirements and consult on the new recommendations.

"All this will take additional time and leaves the Council exposed to even more unwelcome applications."

Fareham had already met previous Government criteria by objectively assessing the 5-year housing supply requirement.

This showed 11,300 homes were needed. After discounting Welborne (3,840), completions and permissions (2,995) and remains from the existing plan (208), the Council had to

accommodate an extra 4,250 and had managed to find brownfield and windfall sites for around 2,000.

When developers learned the rest had to come from greenfield sites, it sparked a Klondyke-style rush with over 100 proposals totalling 12,700 homes submitted against the 2,500 still needed.

As Fareham cannot now publish its new plan, it must consider applications without the protection of the usual planning policies.

Under the fresh Government diktat, the 5-year housing land supply (5YHLS) will see the current annual need for 487 dwellings raised to 571, assuming a 5% buffer.

If Fareham fails the Housing Delivery Test, the figure could go up to 653 per annum for the next 5 years, with massive extra impact on the suspended draft local plan.

PHOTO: Green fields at Rookery Farm Recycling Centre, Botley Road, Swanwick. The owners submitted a request for the site to be considered for housing.

Millions pumped into Whiteley development road schemes

DELAYED development of 3,500 houses, roads and schools north of Whiteley should begin in October.

Thanks to a grant from the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership of £14m, the following will happen:

- Roads programme brought forward to deliver connection of Bluebell Way to Botley Road at Curbridge by end of 2019

- Dualing of Whiteley Way to Tesco by 2020 with new junction to Parkway with traffic lights and first school (Cornerstone) in September 2020

- Works costing £20m to improve junction 9 of M27, Whiteley Way and signalling Solent Hotel roundabout to start in 2019. Completion in 2021

- Improvements to Pinkmead junction at Botley by 2020 involving traffic

lights and cycleway to Botley Station. Botley by-pass scheduled for completion by 2021.

County Councillor Seán Woodward said: "I am pleased that the support of the Solent LEP means that these important roads schemes can be brought forward by years so that there will be an additional northerly exit from Whiteley by the end of next year."



Join a fun team
Burrige Village Hall is run by Burrige Community Association for the benefit of the local community.

The renovated large and small halls, plus kitchen facilities and committee room, are well used.

Committee members meet four times a year, making sure the facilities continue to be available and in good order.

The finances are in a healthy state considering the modest booking fees.

Becoming a committee member is a great way to put something into the community, join a fun team and make new friends. To find out more, go to burridgehall@hotmail.com.

Act fast for cash grants
County Councillor Seán Woodward has a grant pot of £8,000 available to help local organisations with small, important projects they would like to achieve in Sarisbury Division area.

The money is specifically for capital projects, not running costs, and anyone interested should contact him.

The application process is simple and online, but you need to act fast as he has already approved two projects – £450 for Eclipse Gymnastics at Brookfield School and £500 for Friends of Bursledon Brickworks.

Seán thanks voters
I was delighted with my result in Sarisbury and would like to express my heartfelt thanks to those who voted for me in the recent election to Fareham Borough Council.

RESULT

Seán Woodward	1,481	72%
Liberal	322	16%
Labour	259	12%
Conservative majority	1,159	

Conservatives gained a seat from the Liberals in Fareham East meaning that we now have 24 seats on the Council out of 31.

We will now be working to deliver on our pledges and to keep delivering the best possible services at the lowest possible cost for the people of Fareham.

Laura and her miracle dog

SEÁN Woodward was delighted to meet Laura Hamilton and miracle of survival Lily at Sarisbury C of E (Controlled) Junior School.

The children get such pleasure reading to Laura and Lily with Jan Witt, and their reading skills are improving hugely with the Pets as Therapy Read2Dogs scheme.

Lily was born unable to swallow and Laura has hand-reared her for 4 years and she really is one in a million.



Who is this dirty dog poo dumper?

A DOG POO dumper is angering residents and costing the Council money to clean up the mess.

The culprit uses a 50-metre stretch of greenway east of Dickens Drive, Whiteley where dog waste bags have been tossed into the hedges only yards from the bin provided.

Councillor Jon Butts (pictured) said it took Council workers 3 hours to clear up over 150 bags and other litter.

He said: "Two days later, and on fresh snowfall, the first 'new gift' from our anti-social

dog-walker appeared on the pathway. If you know who this person is please contact us."

The environment team also had to deal with a threat to public safety from an oil drum full of an unknown substance near Holly Hill Park.

At least the company paid for clearing up a pile of dumped freebie newspapers in Bushy Land woods, Whiteley.



Help us to keep Sarisbury Parish Rooms from closing

HISTORIC Sarisbury Parish Rooms could close after 126 years unless more people volunteer to help run them.

Trustees are starting to find it hard to attract new

and younger blood to keep the Rooms running.

One of the trustees, Jane Swanbrow, said: "The present committee consists of 10 people. We would love you to come and join us. We have 5 committee meetings a year.



"If a new committee cannot be formed, then the only option would be to close the Parish Rooms.

"This would be a tragic ending to such an important part of the history of Sarisbury Green."

The Parish Rooms have been in existence since 1892.

Their original purpose was

to provide a meeting room for the people of Sarisbury, with reading material, hence the first name 'Sarisbury Reading Room'.

Since then, they evolved into the building we know and love today, providing an excellent community facility where a nursery school flourishes, a dance academy excels and various arts groups enjoy the facilities for their activities.

Children's parties bring great fun into the building at the weekends.

An extraordinary general meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 29 at 7pm in the Parish Rooms.

To join our trustees, contact Jane Swanbrow on 01489-572723 or on cjswanbrow@hotmail.co.uk

PHOTO: Trustee and former Sarisbury councillor David Swanbrow locks up – hopefully not for the last time.

WI shows craft skills

SEÁN WOODWARD learned how to make twiddle muffs and teddies when he was invited to Sarisbury Green WI's annual lunch.

The muffs will go to a local care home for those with Alzheimer's and the teddies to a children's charity.

"I was so pleased to be invited to join the ladies, who do so much work within our community and particularly help combat loneliness for our older residents."

The WI meets at Sarisbury Community



Centre on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1.45pm. If you want to join, contact President Ann Lewis at aglkeep62@btinternet.com.

Weed invasion blamed on cuts

WEEDS are running riot in streets and footpaths across Fareham Borough.

Residents demand that the County Council, which is responsible for highways weed control, should take urgent action to clear up the unsightly mess.

The County Council undertook pesticide spraying on roads and pavements twice a year to kill the weeds, which were then removed by Fareham Council's street sweeping service, but has reduced the treatment to once a year to cut costs.

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "It's a false economy as it allows the weeds to take greater hold and causes damage to the highways for which the County Council will have to pay to put right."

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Nature reserve celebrates its 25th anniversary



CELEBRATIONS were held to mark the opening by naturalist Chris Packham exactly 25 years ago of Swanwick Lakes Nature Reserve.

The beautiful venue was set up thanks to Fareham Council negotiating a deal with the Civil Aviation Authority in granting planning consent for the Air Traffic Control Centre.

Hampshire and IoW Wildlife Trust came on board and have brilliantly managed the area.

County Councillor Seán Woodward, who attended the original opening, said: "Swanwick Lakes is one of the best examples of planning gain any council has achieved on the back of a major planning application and the reserve and walks are enjoyed by thousands."

PHOTO: With Seán (l to r) are Debbie Tann, chief executive for Hampshire and IoW Wildlife Trust, Alina Bartolini, Sophia Bartolini, Freddie Lowe.

Gold award for school run car use reduction
A SARISBURY school has won a gold award for reducing car use by parents.

Sarisbury C of E (controlled) Junior School was presented with a Gold Star Travel Award for schools that have excelled with promoting sustainable travel in the community.



County Councillor Seán Woodward, who attended the presentation and is pictured with the winners, said: "It is the first school in Fareham to achieve gold status and has seen a 7% reduction in cars being used on the school run. Fantastic achievement!

"As many more children are being walked to school it is important to move pedestrians away from the congested Allotment Road, therefore a properly surfaced footpath will be put in from the Coldeast Close side of the playground into a pedestrian gate replacing the current muddy pathway."

Development sparks demand for more Western Wards school places

- Temporary reception class to be set up
- New entry form needed for 210 children
- Developers to foot bill

DUE TO abnormally high reception class numbers for this September the County Council has decided that a temporary class for 30 children is necessary for the Western Wards area.

The classroom will be situated at Sarisbury Infant School and the extra 30 children will make their way through the school and the Junior School over the next seven years.

Without doubt the extra development in the Warsash and Park Gate Wards around Greenaway Lane at Warsash will require a permanent additional form of entry at primary school level which is 210 children.

Discussions are currently taking place between the education authority, Hampshire County Council, and Hook-with-Warsash Primary School and Sarisbury Infant and Junior Schools to decide where this extra form of entry (7 classrooms) will be sited – either at Sarisbury or Warsash.

This will be entirely funded by the developers following a change to Fareham planning policy allowing money to be collected via legal agreements for education as well as roads and affordable housing.

County Councillor Seán Woodward said: “It is important that local children, particularly primary-aged, are educat-



Sarisbury Infant School: A new class will be set up here.

ed as locally as possible to their homes.

“I am very grateful that the Sarisbury schools have agreed to accommodate the temporary extra group of 30 children in their schools.

“It is critically important, looking to the future, that the decision is made rapidly on the accommodation for the additional form of entry so that schools can properly plan for expansion as appropriate.

“It is also important that proper provision is made for any expansion of secondary provision that may be necessary, bearing in mind that new secondary schools will be built in Whiteley and Welborne.”

Hall to close for revamp

FERNEHAM HALL, Fareham's top venue for stage shows, exhibitions and main events will be closed at the end of 2019 for a massive multi-million pound overhaul to meet 21st Century demands.



After almost 40 years' service, the building is looking tired, dated and in need of a facelift and the Executive decided it was time to meet modern community demands.

Temporary venues will have to be found elsewhere across the Borough and when the hall reopens it will be under a new management structure.

But it will fulfil one of the **Conservative** Council's long-term ambitions to provide a community venue in the town centre.

Executive member for leisure and community Councillor Sue Bell said: “Remodelling of Ferneham Hall offers a real opportunity to combine a new arts and entertainment venue with a busy community facility.”

It includes changes to the box office and foyer, better access with a lift, community rooms, auditorium reduced to 400-500 capacity for more comfort, smaller 100-seat secondary performing space, dance studio with sprung floor.

Smart M27 & M3 imminent

HIGHWAYS England will shortly start work on a major scheme to increase the capacity of the M27 by a third between junctions 4 and 11 and the M3 between junctions 9 and 14.

It includes a replacement M27 all-moves junction 10 to serve Welborne.

The design for junction 10 is currently with Highways England for sign-off, so the Council will be able to determine the Welborne planning application for 6,000 new homes over the next 25 years.

Council Leader Seán Woodward, pictured with Regional Sponsor for Smart Motorways Adrian McCrow, said: “A third increase in capacity will bring many benefits to businesses and residents who suffer daily on these roads. Delays cost money, put off trade and add to pollution.

“Concerns about loss of a hard shoulder are unfounded as many 70mph dual carriageways work well with an occasional lay-by and lanes can be closed in an emergency.

“Thirteen emergency refuges will be placed on the M27 – one every 75 seconds for somebody travelling at 60mph.”

