



LOCKS HEATH – 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 greenfield 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 these addi-



tional 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.

PHOTOS: 45 acres at Great Abshot could accommodate 250 homes. Inset: 1,100 homes could go on 270 acres between Longfield Avenue and Stubbington.

Fareham pioneers first conference to deal with rough sleepers problem

GIVING money to begging rough sleepers will not help to remove them from the Borough's streets.

Donating it directly to many local charities which are working hard to help the homeless is a far better idea.

This was the conclusion of more than 70 delegates who attended the first conference hosted by Fareham Council to tackle the problem.

Its aim was to share information and identify strategies to support the work of agencies and to launch 'Fareham StreetAid', a new initiative through which joint communications can be published.

Outreach workers said drug addiction was one of many issues they were dealing with daily, so any money given would simply be used to fund that habit.

Council Leader Seán Woodward said: "We are determined to help rough sleepers off the streets rather than helping them to stay on the streets.

"It is so important that people who wish to offer support such as money, food, sleeping bags, clothing etc should give it to the local charities who, with support agencies, deliver what is needed to these vulnerable people."



Susan says 'Thank you'
 "I was delighted to be re-elected to the Locks Heath Ward of Fareham Borough Council on May 3 and I would like to thank the residents who supported me.
 "It has been a great pleasure and privilege to represent all of the residents of Locks Heath Ward and I look forward to continuing to do so.
 "If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me on 01489 577772 or at sbayford@fareham.gov.uk and I will do all I can to help you."

School places
 For the present year, 92% of pupils were offered their first choice of secondary school and 97% of transfers from infant to junior were offered their first choice.

Highways funding
 Hampshire has managed to secure £12.9m from Highways England.
 This, with £6.6m from the County, will enable improvements to junction 9 of the M27 and the Parkway South Whiteley roundabout.

County funding issues
 County Finance identified additional potential constraints for 2021 to 2022 – an estimated £80m shortfall due mainly to unfunded inflation and increased demand arising from population profile changes.
 This £80m is in addition to the £140m having to be saved over the 2019 to 2021 period.

BRT extension
 The County has secured £9.53m towards a Gosport extension to the existing Bus Rapid Transport link between Fareham and Gosport, leaving a £2.5m balance to be funded.

CO2 emissions
 A recent survey has estimated that Hampshire councils, including Fareham, have achieved a reduction of 33% since 2011/2012 – down to 83.9m tonnes.

THEY CYCLED OVER 2,000 MILES IN BLISTERING HEAT TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITIES

NICE one, Tony and Allan Duo deserve yellow jerseys, too

IT WAS as tough as the famous Tour de France.
 Tony Hopkins, chairman of Age Concern Hampshire, and his friend Allan Button, set off on a 1,155-mile charity cycle ride to Nice on France's Côte d'Azure.
 It was a mammoth task to raise money for their volunteer Village Agents Service.
 En route to Portsmouth ferry on May 23 they called at Lockswood Day Care Centre where they were wished 'bonne chance' by Fareham Mayor Susan Bayford and Consort Brian Bayford. The latest we have heard is that they arrived at their destination and are on track to exceed the target of £2,500.
 The Mayor said: "A magnificent effort by Tony and Allan and we send our congratulations to them,"



THEY'D probably claim cycling the 874-mile length of the land is tougher than the Tour de France.



Warsash Councillor Mike Ford and his friend Pete Brown spent 15 days in sweltering heat biking from Land's End to John O'Groats.



The intrepid pair's gruelling ride had at the time we went to print raised over £1,000 for the Mayor's Charities – Abby's Heroes, Acts of Kindness and the RNBT.
 "What a fantastic effort," said the Mayor, Councillor Susan Bayford. Mike is pictured at both ends.

County cost-cutting causes invasion of weeds



WEEDS are running riot in streets and footpaths across Fareham Borough.
 Warm weather and thunderstorms have combined to help them grow at an alarming rate.
 Residents are demanding that the County Council, which is responsible for highways weed control, should take urgent action to clear up the unsightly mess.
 Up to this year, 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 Hampshire reduced the treatment to once a year to cut costs.
 Councillor Susan Bayford said: "It's a false economy as it simply 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."
 "We are working with the Borough Council to find ways of introducing new weed removal methods which will not involve the use of pesticides and working with the County Council to bring the weeds back under control."

Danger drain

RESIDENTS Joan and Philip Hartle feared somebody might trip over a raised drain in St John's Road and injure themselves.
 So they contacted Councillor Susan Bayford, who promptly called Hampshire County Council and work was done swiftly to eliminate the danger.
 Phil and Joan, pictured with their grandchildren Isobel and Eildh Hooper, were delighted.



World Jamboree scouts meet the Mayor

TWO enterprising young ladies are pictured with Fareham Mayor Councillor Susan Bayford and Consort Brian Bayford.
 Paige and Lucy, members of Fareham West District Scouts, are raising money to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia this summer.



They met the Mayor who was invited to attend the group's agm in Titchfield Village Hall.
 Susan said: "The Scouting Movement across Fareham is admirable and has a great many members, which is fantastic for all of the young people involved."
 "The leaders, who spend many hours of their own time supporting the Scouting Movement, are terrific and deserve our sincere thanks."

It's second time around for Fareham Mayor Susan and Consort Brian



FOUR YEARS after being Fareham's first citizen, Susan Bayford took the chain of office for a second time at the Council's annual meeting in May.
 Her husband, Brian Bayford, who is also a former Mayor, is once more her Consort.
 Susan is very proud to represent the Borough once again and looks forward to meeting many people involved in the community during her year in office.
 The Mayor recently invested her husband, a former Park Gate Ward councillor, and Arthur Mandry and Dennis Steadman as Honorary Aldermen following their retirement in May after many years of service on the Council.
PHOTO: The Mayor presents Brian with his investiture certificate as Honorary Alderman of the Borough.

Service charge victory joy for Roxburgh residents



SUSAN Bayford is pictured with Roy, Bob, Celia and Nick, residents at Hyde Housing's Roxburgh House, St John's Road who are celebrating a big cut in their service charge.
 They complained to Susan about a huge hike in the charge who then met representatives from Hyde Housing with Fareham MP Suella Braverman.
 Suella's intervention got the weekly charge reduced by nearly 50%.

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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.

“I believe concerns about the loss of a hard shoulder are unfounded as many 70mph dual carriageways work well with an occasional lay-by.

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

