



In Touch

with our community

FAREHAM EAST – BOROUGH ELECTION SPECIAL

New Tesco store traffic and parking must be sorted out



It's going here: Keith Barton says the new Tesco superstore in Quay Street will be a great asset to Fareham's ever developing shopping centre, but planners must concentrate on getting the infrastructure right.

TESCO'S new superstore in Quay Street must be properly planned so as not to worsen the current traffic situation.

Keith Barton, the Fareham East Ward Conservative candidate, welcomes the proposal to develop the former Glynwed foundry site, but insists there must be proper infrastructure.

He said: "An application for the Tesco site is expected to be determined within weeks, but has been delayed by the Highways Agency, which is concerned about the road layout and traffic situation around the site."

The site is 3.68 acres and the proposed gross external floor space of the store is 66,898 sq ft (6,215 sq metres). It has to be this size to be able to compete with surrounding stores with good public facilities.

"This may seem large for the intended area but in fact the store is smaller than some stores these days which can go up about 12,000 sq metres – three times the size of this development."

So far, Tesco has proposed to have a very modern well-equipped store for the public and staff. The present car parking proposal is for 356 spaces.

Further attraction

Keith Barton continued: "This could be a further attraction for Fareham town centre.

"I would work with the Council to make sure that this development is well planned and a credit to other developments going on at present to improve Fareham town.

"This might be of interest to some residents who like to shop at Tesco, as the nearest one to Fareham is about 4 miles in

either direction.

"This proposal, if it goes ahead, will develop a piece of land that has long been left dormant and will complement the ongoing development of the town centre, also creating more jobs.

Concerns

"My concerns are we must be aware of the current traffic situation around that site.

"We must work to make sure that the public have safe and easy access and that there are adequate car parking spaces.

"The infrastructure of the Market Quay roundabout and surrounding roads must be put under careful consideration.

"If elected, I will be keeping a close eye on this development trying to make sure residents don't suffer and the traffic situation does not become worse."

We keep *In Touch* throughout the year - not just at election time



A record of ACTION, a promise of MORE

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Dear Elector

I represent a new generation in Fareham politics. I am an experienced and active member of the local community who will fight for issues important to you in Fareham East Ward.

My business experience and professional attitude will be used to ensure the continuing efficient use of Council resources.

The energy of youth balanced with the experience of age is vital to Fareham's future.

Don't vote for unrealistic promises, vote **Conservative** for **VALUE FOR MONEY**.

If elected I will:

WORK to maintain and improve Youth Facilities in the area, trying to find new ways of providing recreational areas and activities for younger people.

WORK to make sure enough parking and facilities for disabled people are provided for in new developments. To work also towards making sure the infrastructure is a key issue in every planning application.

WORK for the early provision of the Fareham Community Hospital including a replacement facility for the 'Blackbrook Babies'

WORK with local residents to ensure that planning applications are dealt with fairly and that the quality of life for existing residents is preserved.

WORK to attack the blight of litter in our community by education, enforcement and improved cleaning programmes.

WORK to ensure that serious litter contamination such a broken glass is cleared speedily.

WORK with Fareham Borough Council to see that faulty street lights, poor footpaths and bridle paths, uneven pavements etc are remedied.

WORK to respond to your letters and telephone calls within 24 hours and to continue to keep you informed by regular publication of *In Touch* newsletters all year round and not just at election time.

I intend to fight on these and many other local issues.

Yours sincerely

Keith Barton

On Thursday, May 1 please vote for

KEITH BARTON

Polling stations open 7am to 10pm



Keith's a local man with a pedigree of community service and political vigour

KEITH BARTON is no stranger to many involved in the local community and politics of this town.

He was born at Blackbrook Maternity Hospital to a Forces family, with local ties stretching back generations.

His grandfather, Leonard Misselbrook, who owned a shop on Trinity Street and was a friend of the late Conservative MP for Gosport and Fareham Dr Reginald Bennett, spent quite some time as one of the many invaluable behind-the-scenes party activists.

Keith has picked up on his grandfather's community spirit and, despite the apparent apathy amongst many of his age, carried the torch forward with vigour.

As well as establishing two successful small businesses – one an IT firm and the other a logistics business working for a local charity – Keith has worked for many years as a supportive member of the Wallington Village Community Association and is also currently enjoying his role as a governor at one of the local schools in his ward.

After becoming known for organising successful community events and local campaigns in Fareham East, he has become fully involved in local politics, re-energising the Fareham East Conservative branch, which recently won the "Most Improved Branch" at the AGM.

Having found success at community and branch level, not to mention the experience of running two small businesses, Keith feels he can be much more useful to his local area, and Fareham as a whole, by serving as a Councillor.

He firmly believes in running on an agenda of dedicated service and value-for-money efficiency, knowing only too well that people expect and deserve nothing less from a modern Council.

This is already largely in place with your Conservative-led Council, but what Keith can also bring, is the energy of youth to enhance the wealth of experience already on offer with the Conservatives in Fareham.

If elected, Keith will ALWAYS be available for his constituents

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Keith Barton: An enthusiastic candidate who promises to bring the energy of youth combined with his longstanding local connections to breathe fresh air into the Council chamber.

He's young, committed and deserves your vote

Message from Fareham MP Mark Hoban: "Keith will make an excellent councillor for Fareham East. He is young, committed and enthusiastic and these qualities will ensure that he deals with the challenges the local community faces."

Message from Fareham Council Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward: "It gives me great pleasure to commend Keith Barton to you for election to Fareham Borough Council. I believe that he has already done sterling work on your behalf during his years as Editor of In Touch.

"He has been unstinting in his efforts on behalf of you, the residents, as anyone who has ever taken a problem to him will know. I

am delighted that he has agreed to seek election.

"I hope that you will VOTE BARTON on Thursday, May 1 and support the only candidate with the proven ability to represent you effectively."

Message from Ray Ellis, County Councillor for Fareham Town: "I fully support Keith Barton as a candidate for election to Fareham Borough Council in May. Keith has worked tirelessly for Wallington Village Association over many years, and I am confident that he will work in the same way for the whole of Fareham East Ward if he is elected. Keith has the local knowledge to be a very effective Councillor and will always champion your concerns."



Out and about with Keith Barton

Using his local knowledge



Listening: Keith takes on board this Wallington resident's views. If elected, he will be able to call on his local knowledge and connections with the community to try to resolve concerns about grass-roots issues.

Support for parking policy



Impressed



Parking: The Council recently tightened up on parking. Keith, pictured above at the William Price estate where a notice has been fixed to the lamppost, fully supports the Conservative Party's policy.

West Street: Keith is impressed by improvements to the western end.

Bath Lane access issue

Why do they do it?



Dumped: Keith surveys another heap of litter tossed into a roadside hedge. He picked it up. He says litter is high on his priority list to be tackled by education and enforcement.



Dubious: Keith Barton is not sure about the proposed entrance to a residential development in the Bath Lane car park.