



In Touch

with our community

FAREHAM SOUTH – SUMMER 2006

Don't miss the bus! You can help shape Fareham's future...

THE BACK end of a bus isn't usually this attractive, but this smiling face is what you'll see if you get stuck behind one.

Facing up to Fareham's future is the Council's duty, but it wants everybody to help put together the new Borough Plan.

Ward Councillor Trevor Howard said: "This is an exciting opportunity to get involved in planning our future, so using borough-wide buses to encourage community involvement seemed like an excellent way of spreading the message."

Work on Fareham's Local Development Framework (the replacement for the current Local Plan Review adopted in June 2000) is moving on apace.

This process will guide the future of Fareham for the next 20 years so it is important that residents have a chance to have their say on the options that will affect not only them but their children and grandchildren.

The future of the borough will be set out in broad terms in the core strategy, and the Preferred Options document issued during June sets out possible options that have been developed during earlier stages in the process when residents and organisations were able to respond to the Issues and Options document.

A series of one day exhibitions was set up across the borough - mostly in local shopping centres - to give as many people as possible a chance to have their say, and three workshops were held, two in the Civic



On the buses: Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward (left) and Executive Member for Planning and Transportation Councillor David Swanbrow unveil the advert.

Offices and the other in Ferneham Hall.

The consultation closes on July 31.

Ward Councillor Dennis Steadman said: "It's crucially important that our residents are given the chance to tell us whether our ideas reflect their thoughts and are on the right road.

"That's why we need to highlight that they are our partners in the future of Fareham.

"During this consultation period there

were almost 20 events being held. These gave our residents borough-wide the opportunity to get involved, to see what we are suggesting and to tell us if we're heading in the right direction."

•Copies of the Preferred Options document are available at libraries throughout the borough, or at www.fareham.gov.uk/ldf.

...But the Government made sure you had to run to catch this one

JUST 48 hours' notice were given by the Labour Government that it aims to cram over 50% more houses into the South East.

A paper was published on its official website on June 21 - two days before the deadline for

public comment on the South East Plan - stating the intention to increase the original figure of 28,900 houses per year over the next 20 years to 45,000.

It would mean South Hampshire's annual total rising from 4,000 to 6,571, giving a

total of 132,000 instead of the 80,000 proposed.

Fareham Council Executive Leader Seán Woodward said: "This would be the equivalent of one extra Whiteley per year every year for 20 years in South Hampshire on top of the exist-

ing proposed figures.

"If we do not hold the line at 4,000 houses per year it is hard to imagine there being a blade of grass left in South Hampshire in 20 years time."

Public examination of the SE Plan is due in the autumn.

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



WARD NEWS BRIEFS

Fly tipping

It costs taxpayers £19,000 a year to clear.

Councillor Trevor Howard urged residents to report anyone dumping rubbish to the Council's enforcement team on 01329 236100.

He said graffiti was another problem and people should call him if they saw any.

Residents could also help by keeping fronts and backs of their properties tidy.

Tell the police

Anti-social behaviour in The Gillies and around Gosport Road shops and boys kicking footballs against walls were issues discussed with the police.

Councillor Trevor Howard said the police were looking into the matters. Meantime, residents should report such problems to the police on 0845 45 45 45 or 101.

Ambulance merger

The Government's disbanding of Hampshire Ambulance Service on July 1 met with fierce resistance from local councils and the public.

The merger with Thames Valley means the service covering an area from the New Forest to Milton Keynes and closure of Fareham's ambulance HQ in Highlands Road.

Ambulances will be located at strategic points on highways, probably with one base station for Hampshire.

The County Council is resisting the move with support from all parties and favours maintaining an independent service for Hampshire.



Fareham expects battle as mast looms on the horizon at Emma's home



Monstrosity threatens historic house aspect

HORATIO NELSON spent most of his 47 years before the mast.

He saw masts shot away and crash down on the decks, so how would he have dealt with one to be erected outside the house of his paramour, Lady Emma Hamilton?

That's what 02 mobile phone giant is planning to do outside Town Quay House at 99 Gosport Road, Fareham, once the residence of Lady Hamilton and a Grade 2 listed building.

"Pity we don't still have Nelson to come sailing to the rescue," said ward Councillor Dennis Steadman.

Residents have fired their own broadside at 02 about the siting of the mast, which is near two primary schools, a junior and a secondary school.

It may also be so close to the tree standing in the grounds that it will have to be severely lopped, although the Council has put a Tree Preservation Order on it.

Councillor Steadman, who fiercely opposes the mast, said: "This monstrosity is another intrusion into the lives of residents, especially after we had to accept the siting of a hostel for homeless persons



The Nelson Touch is needed to scupper plans by 02 to erect a 49ft mobile phone mast outside Lady Hamilton's former residence in Gosport Road.

PHOTO: Jonathan King

against the wishes and fears of hundreds of residents.

"Thankfully it is under the control of good staff and the problems we thought might arise have not due to the excellent management.

"The siting of this mast will adversely affect the area. We must consider the effect of the dangers of radiation emitted from base stations – a deep concern that has not been proved either way.

"Until it is, all councils and the government should exercise extreme care and not allow installation near schools. It's another blow for Fareham South."

People power can close unruly pubs and clubs

RESIDENTS have more power since the introduction of the new Licensing Act to curb troublesome premises.

Anti-social behaviour in or around any pubs or clubs can be dealt with by filling in a complaint form which will lead to the Council reviewing the premises' licence, which it has the power to revoke.

The Council must hold a review hearing unless it finds that any representations are frivolous or vexatious, in which case it must give the person who made them reasons for that decision.

Police Sergeant Roy Jennings said a recent case in point was The Turnpike, where resident power in conjunction with police representations helped close down this troublesome pub.

"You do not need to suffer years of distress, but you will need to document the anti-social behaviour occurring and ensure that it is actually coming from these premises and not just passing persons who have not been into those premises.

"This is important for a successful review. I would caution against

overtly videoing as you may find the subjects likely to turn on you, but if you can corroborate your evidence with other neighbours witnessing the same conduct and make notes, this will help," said Sergeant Jennings.

Councilor Trevor Howard, who has been appointed vice-chairman of the Licensing Committee, said residents could download a complaint form from the council's website www.fareham.gov.uk.

"If you type 'licensing' into the search bar it will give you choices of what to look at," he added.

Praise for Neville Lovett's new after-school concept

NEVILLE Lovett Community School has been praised for its aim to provide more after school activity facilities through a new concept involving young people aged 8-19 years.

It will comprise a new building on the school's campus, possibly at the edge of the field and would be called The Neville Lovett Young People's Centre.

Its main use will be to offer young people a safe and friendly access after school hours and to provide an equal opportunities setting to encourage all children, whatever their needs, to socialize.

It is hoped this will better equip them to respect others in community.

The facility will be run by paid qualified staff with the assistance of volunteers.

It will cost about £500,000, with funding resources hopefully coming from the National Lottery, 'Make a Space', 'Awards for All' and others. Hampshire County Council and Fareham Borough Council will be invited to help with the bid, which is being prepared by dedicated staff.

Councillor Dennis Steadman said: "It will be a much needed addition to the present leisure facilities provided by the borough. I hope the young people at whom this project is aimed will assist in the smooth running of the centre and take care of it."

Roundabout safety barrier pledge

A SAFETY barrier is urgently needed beside the Mill Road roundabout footpath.

A proposal will be put forward to the Hampshire Highways to consider it.

Councillor Dennis Steadman said: "In the past couple of years the amount of traffic using the Mill Road/ Gosport Road roundabout has increased dramatically and the number of heavy vehicles is frightening.

"I am requesting a survey to be carried out by the Hampshire Highways with a view to having a safety barrier

installed on the Mill Road side," he said.

There has been more than one instance to his knowledge where vehicles have mounted the footpath and crashed into the fence going too fast to be able to manoeuvre quickly enough.

He added: "Could you possibly imagine the carnage should a speeding vehicle mount the footpath with very small schoolchildren walking that route?"

"This will be my first pledge of my new term fulfilled."

Dennis says thank you to voters who re-elected him

DENNIS STEADMAN was re-elected as member for Fareham South on May 4.

He said: "I extend my deep-felt gratitude to the voters who took the time and trouble to come out and vote and give me such support on election day and gave me the honour and privilege of serving as your Councillor and representative in the Fareham South Ward.



Dennis Steadman

"I made pledges during that election which, with the help of my colleague, Councillor Trevor Howard, I fully intend to keep and relate to all residents irrespective of their political or social leanings.

"It is a tremendous feeling to know that the work that I have carried out on behalf of many residents

for the past few years has been recognised with appreciation and that your trust in me has not been misplaced."

Dennis is a member of the Housing Tenancy Board and Vice-chairman Public Protection Review Panel.

Wheelchair accessible path success

LENGTHY negotiations to establish a public right of way around Cams Hill Golf Course have been concluded.

This will enable a submission to be made to the Lottery fund for financial support for the proposed Phase 1 from the Delme to Shearwater Road for the wheelchair accessible path route, which is planned to be extended to Portchester Castle.

See www.hants.gov.uk/maps/paths for details.

FAREHAM SOUTH CONSERVATIVES

We are very active with social and political events and membership drives. If you would like further details, to join us, or to help in any way such as distribution of *In Touch* newsletters in your road, please contact your ward councillors.

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Your man in Westminster



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The Government used the World Cup to bury bad news. They sneaked out proposals to build 45,000 houses a year in the South East on the day England played Sweden.

No wonder they wanted to hide this as it would mean in South Hampshire alone building 130,000 houses over 20 years compared to the current plans for 80,000. The scene is being set for the Government to overrule these plans and force through higher numbers and when I asked the minister who has the final word on this to rule it, she refused.

We know we need more houses in the South East: people are living longer and more of us are living on our own. These factors push up the demand for houses.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for young people to get on the housing ladder because of rising house prices. New homes are inevitable, but who should decide how many are built?

At the moment, the final decision about how many houses will be built in our community will not be taken by local councils, despite the work they put into developing plans.

A minister sitting in Whitehall will decide how many houses will go in Fareham and how many of them will be built on brownfield sites (including back-gardens) and greenfield sites.

I think this is wrong. It is time that local people had a much greater say over development. You and I will have to live with the consequences of development, not the civil servants and ministers sitting in Whitehall. We will have to deal with the traffic jams from the front door to the school gates to the office car park, when Government fails to spend enough money on the roads needed to support all the extra housing. It is right that we have a stronger voice in those decisions so that we can decide how best to meet the needs of our community.

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Fareham tops county waste recycling table

FAREHAM residents have wasted no time in helping the Borough Council to meet Government recycling targets.

In fact, householders have responded so well that the Council has exceeded the 30% target.

In the quarter to April, a figure of 37.8% was achieved – the highest in Hampshire and one of the best in the country.

Councillor Brian Bayford, Executive Member for Streetscene, commented:

“This is due to the efforts of many residents in fully using the blue-top recycling wheelie bins and to the extra free service offered by the collection of green waste.”

However, the target to be achieved by 2010 is 50% so further plans are being made to support and advise residents who are unsure of what to recycle and those who do not take advantage of the recycling facilities.

Owing to the success in meeting the Government target a special grant has been allocated by a Government agency (WRAP) to further encourage recycling.

This will be used to provide a monitoring and ‘door-stepping’ programme by a specialist team.

The team will identify areas and residents with problems and provide assistance to help and advise.

There are about 90 blocks of flats or maisonettes that are currently

unable to be properly serviced due to inadequate space or difficulty of access.

Priority is being given by the Council to resolving these problems and the ‘door-stepping’ team will also be involved.

All new flat developments in the Borough are required to meet guidelines on space and servicing for waste management.

Some residents have requested extra green sacks, which can be provided up to a maximum of 3.

These will be collected by the ‘dusties’.

However it is not possible to collect green waste in anything but the bag provided.



Not the way to do it: ‘Dusties’ will only collect garden waste that’s in official green bags.

WHAT’S AVAILABLE TO YOU

1 x 240 litre green top bin (for those with a 140 litre)

2 x 240 litre blue top bins (for recycling)

Green garden waste sacks

Ring 01329 824387 or 824389.

For further information, call Councillor Brian Bayford on 01489 880740

More safety measures for Delme roundabout

FURTHER safety measures are to be introduced at the Delme roundabout in the wake of a serious accident in September 2005.

Havant College student Sarah Greenwood suffered head injuries when she was in collision with a motorcycle as she crossed the A27 Eastern Way, beneath the Delme flyover.

The County Council has already taken interim steps to reduce the chances of more accidents, including coloured anti-skid surfacing and a warning sign at the viaduct approach.

A feasibility study was car-

ried out by County and Borough officers to examine the possibility of a signalled pedestrian crossing.

Ward Councillor Trevor Howard said a camera was installed overlooking the recently marked out pedestrian crossing and ran all day so that traffic and pedestrian movements could be studied for peak and off-peak times.

“That video survey highlighted the difficulty of crossing the South approach slip and the pedestrian problem of seeing and assessing the speed of approaching traffic,” he said.

One recommendation was

to install a “toucan” signalled crossing near the existing bollards. Another was to ease the peak-time traffic congestion inhibiting traffic from Portchester by painting a yellow hatch box area at the junction of Cams Hill and the roundabout to create space on the roundabout for Westbound traffic to join.

Local councillors approved. The difficulties of working at a time that would not exacerbate the problem were mentioned and the job will not be finished until early 2007.

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