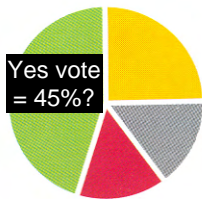




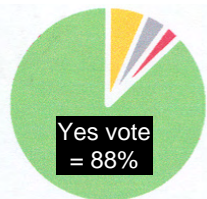
SEEDA Daedalus Consultation

Before complaint 90.6% of Stubbington and 91.6% of Hill Head residents who completed the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) questionnaire said 'yes' to Green/Open space.

Green/Open Space



After complaint



The overall area average was 88.1%. On the left we show the relevant pie chart shown under Questionnaire Results in the SEEDA Project Newsletter, before and after a complaint was made.

SEEDA have notified about 1500 residents, by email and those attending the December Exhibition, but have said that they will **NOT** be informing

(approximately 18,000) local residents in the next Newsletter of this correction **or be changing the wording of the original summary.**



Cllr Tim Knight by the North Western Entrance to Daedalus - near where the Government Quango the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) wants to build a new £60 million 'supercollege' (combining Fareham College with St.Vincents) on Daedalus.

LSC stated, five weeks into the consultation, 'support is growing', however the site has been rejected by both Fareham and Gosport Borough Councils and Peter Viggers MP.

Fareham's Budget 2008/09

Fareham's Conservative Executive has approved a capital programme for 2007/08-2011/12 of £21 million. For the coming financial year there are new capital items of £260,000 and extra services for cleaning Fareham - extra street sweepers, mechanical street sweeper and graffiti remover.

Spending in Hill Head and Stubbington will include:

Cliff Road Public Convenience - £100,000 plus £20,000 from Hampshire County Council negotiated by Tim Knight

Spending in Hill Head and Stubbington in 2007/08 includes:

Seafeld Park Sports Facilities - £380,000

Stubbington Green mobility scooter shelter - £9,000 - requested by Arthur Mandry on behalf of residents with disabilities

Purchase of Tips Copse - £34,000 - promoted by Kay Mandry

Replacement Water System Crofton Community Centre - £21,000

The Revenue Budget for 2008/09 is £11 million. The proposed increase in Council Tax is just under 3% despite the meanest government grant settlement ever, the challenge of concessionary travel costs*, and the rate of inflation (RPI) at well over 4%. *(Under funded by the Government for 2008/09 by an estimated £1.15 million).

Fareham Borough Council tax will rise by just under 3% which will mean that the band D council tax payer will pay less than £137 p.a. for the Borough's services, an increase of just under £4 p.a.

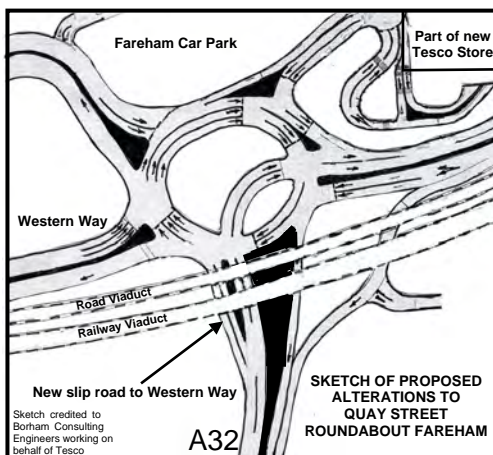
NB. These figures EXCLUDE Hampshire County Council, Police and Fire and Rescue charges.

Quay Street Roundabout

The Highway Authority - Hampshire County Council (HCC) have concerns regarding the design, specifically the flow of traffic and the impact the complex design will have on users.

Fareham Borough Council needs to be mindful of the views and concerns of HCC and other interested parties, but, as the Planning Authority, have the final say on Tesco's plans.

Gosport Borough Council have raised objections as they are not satisfied that traffic growth has been fully addressed; improvement demonstrated, or growing demand such as the closure of Haslar and HMS Sultan, fully taken into account.



Newgate Lane Roundabouts

Studies have been undertaken to consider removing the two roundabouts on Newgate Lane at Longfield Avenue and Speedfields and replace them with traffic lights.

Also suggested was improved pedestrian/ cycle crossing facilities; provision of new street lighting; alteration of existing drainage; construction of a new footway; white lining and signing; and road resurfacing.

Work has now been stopped as the expected results do not justify the costs of more than £2 million.

Peel Common Roundabout

The current changes are intended to improve the journey time reliability for people travelling from Rowner Road to Stubbington, Lee-on-the-Solent and Fareham. The double lane approach on Rowner Road will be extended from 40 metres to 140 metres; and the kerb repositioned on the south of the roundabout to ease circulatory movements. The cost is expected to slightly exceed £200,000.

There will be traffic queue surveys afterwards to ensure that the objectives have been met.

Motoring Offences - New Charges

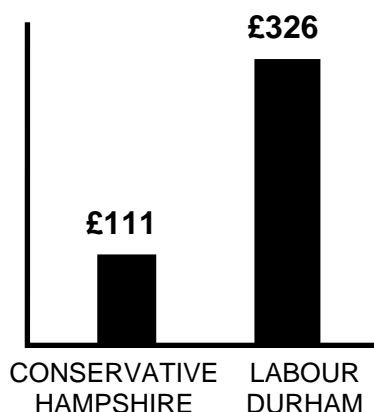
New legislation, effective from Monday 31st.March will separate motoring offences enforceable by the Council into two categories;

- (1) a penalty charge of £70 for offences such as parking on double yellow lines or at a bus stop; and
- (2) a penalty charge of £50 is for offences such as over staying in a Pay & Display car park (Charges reduced by 50% if paid within 14 days).

Other regulations, when adopted, will give Fareham's Civil Enforcement Officers additional authority to issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) for other offences such as parking on zigzags at pedestrian crossings and sending PCNs by post for drivers who have driven away before receiving a ticket.

CASH GOES NORTH

LABOUR GOVERNMENT-
2008/09 COUNTY COUNCIL
TAX GRANT PER HEAD.



Some other examples....
Northumberland **£299**
Cumbria **£261**
Lancashire **£231**
...and we won't even mention Scotland!

Fareham grant increase 2%
Retail Price Index 4.2%
Inflation 4.5%

Consultation - Sand and Gravel Extraction

There has been tremendous protest during the consultation on the sites proposed for sand and gravel extraction in the South. For the Chilling and Brownwich Farms site two meetings had to be held. The Daedalus site proposed as an 'Alternative Preferred Area' is to the east of the blue fencing and flanked by Gosport Road to the North and Broom Way to the East. It includes the site considered by the Learning and Skills Council (see front page) for the college merger.

It comprises just under 40 hectares with an estimated yield of 900,000 tonnes of sharp sand and gravel. (The Chilling/Brownwich site is 8 million tonnes). Transporting this huge amount on our inadequate roads would **severely** add to road congestion. Along with any other development on the Daedalus site it should not be considered until local roads have been improved eg Stubbington Bypass.

Green Sack Bonanza!

If your green sack gets worn out, ring the Council on 01329 236100 and ask when the next 'Recycling Surgery' is.

Anyone turning up then, with proof of their residence in Fareham, can receive a free Green Garden Refuse Recycling sack. If you ask for it to be delivered there is a £5 delivery charge.

GAFIRS - Council Grant

We are pleased to report that the Gosport and Fareham Inshore Rescue Service (GAFIRS) which covers the Hill Head coast has just been awarded a £2,000 grant from Fareham Borough Council.

It will go towards the cost of replacing an existing temporary building.

Village Bypass - Puffin Crossings

Following requests to extend the green pedestrian light times the traffic engineers have done this, but in a way that should not delay traffic.

They are monitoring this carefully as any extra delay would affect the 'tail back' along Stubbington Lane and could increase 'rat running' along Moody Road, Crofton Lane and Cuckoo Lane.

Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) - Stubbington Bypass/Rapid Transit

The Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee replaces the previously voluntary partnership between the County Council, Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils, East Hampshire, Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, New Forest, Test Valley and Winchester District/Borough Councils. It is not a Quango, it has fully elected voting members - the elected Leaders of the relevant Councils, and is chaired by Cllr Seán Woodward, Leader of Fareham Borough Council.

It is an extremely important committee, intent on playing its part in developing South Hampshire. This committee makes recommendations to the Government on the number of houses needed, planning and transport needs etc and in March will be considering three Strategic Transport Studies. Hopefully it will fully support the needs for the Gosport Peninsula especially for the Stubbington Bypass and Rapid Transit.



Toilets - Update

Following consultation, the new Cliff Road toilets are being designed to fit in with the locality and to have doors facing the car park and the sea.

The contractor for the Meon Shore toilet upgrade is being changed, and the plans for the Monks Hill toilet block, following consultation, are being revised. The Council are very mindful of the demands on the coastal toilets in the Summer and nothing mentioned above should affect this, or the long term aim to improve them.

Badger Seats

The Hill Head Residents' Association application for a Hampshire County Council grant to carve the Mancroft Avenue oak tree trunks into 'badger seats' has been successful. The trunks are currently at the Stubbington Study Centre where they will be carved.

Seafield Park - Update

Work has now finished on the changing rooms. They have been built to a high standard ie lights and showers work automatically and the area outside has been restored. A direction sign has been requested for Crofton Lane, to direct users up Bell Davies and Illustrious, Roads.

Two more 'hoggin' paths have been requested to link the Moody Road footpath towards the childrens play area and the recreation field. The natural areas are being trimmed back in places to encourage wild life and surveys are being undertaken to monitor this.

HASLAR - A TOP TORY PLEDGE



“We are not convinced that the closure of the Royal Hospital Haslar as a location for the provision of elements of military healthcare, training and research is appropriate and would look again at existing plans as part of our review”

Rt. Hon David Cameron MP - Leader of the Conservative Party

THANKS Yet another incredible response to a request for help in our last edition of In Touch. Every Local Education Authority Governor vacancy in Stubbington and Hill Head Schools has now been filled as well as other positions. A very grateful thank you to all who replied.

HELP REQUIRED This time we have a request for help delivering our In Touches. It is simple postal work. On a nice day it is very pleasant and there is no speaking required. We collect the news but need volunteers to deliver it. No delivery is too small! Please contact any of your Councillors below if you can help.

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Councillors' Surgeries

One of the Conservative Councillors will be at the Crofton Community Centre on the second Saturday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon to answer any questions.

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We cannot guarantee success but we will do our best