



Tory leader tackles the Premier over development

FAREHAM Council's Conservative Leader Seán Woodward seized the chance to demand proper infrastructure when he met the Prime Minister.

The occasion was the recent signing of three new Multi-Area Agreements (MAA) at 10 Downing Street.

Elected members and officers from the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) attended the event, which was witnessed by Gordon Brown and ministers.



Seán Woodward (right) and County Council Leader Ken Thornber at 10 Downing Street.

As chairman of PUSH, Councillor Woodward said MAAs gave opportunity for groups of councils to secure Government support and investment for their areas, working across boundaries to tackle economic issues.

He said: "As the only MAA area in the South East, it was important to attend the signing and to talk to the Prime Minister and senior officials

"It gave us opportunity to reiterate the need for infrastructure investment and Government support for South Hampshire."

No excuse for lack of infrastructure before building starts

'Get it right now' is message to Government ahead of new town

A NEW town that the Government has ordered Fareham to build west of the A32 must be properly planned.

The Borough Council and neighbouring authorities are adamant the vision is not blurred by the absence of the infrastructure before the building of up to 10,000 homes starts.

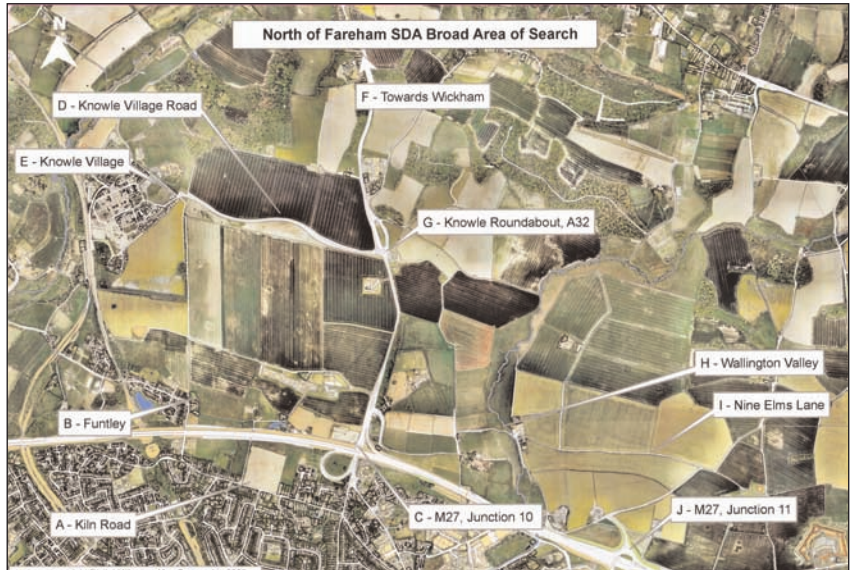
"We have to get the vision right because we want this place to be somewhere we can be proud of," said Councillor David Swanbrow, chairman of the newly-formed Strategic Development Steering Group.

The new town, whose exact location has yet to be decided, must be built as part of the South East Plan. It could house up to 25,000 people.

Building should begin around 2016 and will take at least 10 years to complete, but this schedule could be disrupted or diluted by the recession.

Nevertheless, the planning process has already started and councillors, led by Councillor Swanbrow as Fareham's Executive Member for Planning and Transportation, have been working for some time to produce the Local Development Framework that will replace the Borough Local Plan Review.

He said: "Developing a completely new settlement, however,



Vanishing countryside: This aerial view of green fields and farmland will be changed for ever when development starts on a new town north of the M27.

needs thoughts and ideas from a broad range of people and organisations from outside the council and perhaps the most important thing to get right early on in the planning process is a vision of what sort of a place it should be."

To that end, the Borough Council ran the first of several visioning events at Ferneham Hall at the end of March.

About 50 participants attended, representing organisations from Fareham and neighbouring districts, Hampshire County Council, the Environment Agency, the Highways Agency and other government bodies.

Councillor Swanbrow said: "Some very strong messages

came out of this first workshop, including the need for infrastructure to be in place early with good public transport links to Fareham and Portsmouth and beyond.

"It should also be a place that feels safe and comfortable to live in and have a varied mix of housing, plenty of green space and good employment facilities."

Unlike the Western Wards, where infrastructure had to be added piecemeal to what already existed, the new town site is undeveloped countryside.

He added: "The Government promised the infrastructure, so there's no excuse for it not being there before the development starts."

Too many heavy sacks result in changes to green waste collections

CHANGES to the green waste collection were necessary for Health and Safety reasons.

Fareham Council had to employ more staff to

reduce the amount each worker had to carry.

The Council is saving no money; any savings are being ploughed back into the green waste col-

lection service and trial schemes.

It is not a statutory service and Fareham is the only council providing the collection of one green

sack as an extra free service.

Neighbouring councils charge up to £25 for a green waste sack and up to £1 for each emptying.



WARD NEWS BRIEFS

'Murder' for money

Warsash newly-elected Conservative committee organized 'A Murder Mystery' evening in The Victory Hall in February.

More than 100 people attended and the 'murder' scene was performed by Warsash Theatre Club.

Much needed funds were raised and Warsash Branch would like to thank all who supported them.

Supper time

A summer supper is planned by Warsash Conservatives for August 8. Contact the Secretary, Mrs Ruth Cartwright, on 01489 578 519 for details.

Party time

Fareham Conservative Association's social committee has organized a summer party on June 12 at Quob Park.

Guest speaker will be David Willetts, MP for Havant and a member of the Shadow Cabinet.

David is one of the brightest Conservative MPs and is an excellent speaker.

Ruth Cartwright can provide further information and tickets.

Gas smells

Residents are still complaining about the strong smell of gas around Thornton Avenue and Harbour areas.

The Gas Board checked its installations and found no leaks.

Councillor Trevor Cartwright contacted the Environment Agency, who advised that if there is any repetition residents should ring them immediately on 0800 80 7060.

Blow the weather, the Wasps will be stinging in the rain

WARSASH Wasps are buzzing with enthusiasm after Fareham planners unanimously approved an all-weather pitch.

Councillor Trevor Cartwright was asked by the club to give a deputation at the March Planning Development Control Committee to support the application to build the football pitch with flood lighting, plus new facility buildings, car parking and access road improvements.

It is the largest football club in the area with over 400 members from age 5 to adult and is a non-profit making organization run by unpaid volunteers.

Formed in 1977, the Wasps play in 7 different leagues and have 27 teams. They are an FA Charter Standard Club and also the girls' section is one of the strongest in the County.

Councillor Cartwright said: "The main purpose for the new all-weather pitch is to provide facilities that can accommodate the number of players and teams, and replace the training pitch in the centre of the ground."

"This would increase the number of games played, as 20-30% of ses-



All weather: The site of Warsash Wasps' new pitch.

sions are lost due to bad weather on the existing training pitch."

Meetings have recently been held with the Football Association, Hampshire County Council and Fareham Borough Council, who see the proposal as a priority to the Western Wards and will be one of the key sites in the Borough.

The Club also acts as a feeder to the six schools in the area and continues to receive their support. These facilities would also be made available to other community groups on weekdays.

Councillor Cartwright added: "They are also very well thought of and respected by residents in Warsash."

For more information on Warsash Wasps SFC, visit their website www.warsashwasps.co.uk

Boat trailers parking extension trial scheme

AN EXTENSION for parking of boat trailers in Passage Lane car park at Warsash is being trialed by Fareham Council.

Councillor Trevor Cartwright said there had been insufficient parking for boat trailers for several years, so a meeting was held between Warsash councillors, the Chairman of the Hamble Harbour Board, the Harbour Board Marine



Director and the Executive Members for Planning and Transportation and the Community.

The Council's Executive discussed the

issue in April and agreed to extend the area available on a trial basis by controlling the parking of trailers, but not cars, on the western grass strip beside the car park.

Why demands for 30mph repeater signs cannot be met

COUNCILLORS are often asked why 30mph repeater signs are not installed across the Borough.

Answer: They're illegal. The Highway Code says the 30mph limit applies on all roads in England and Wales with

street lighting, unless signs show otherwise.

Fareham Council is looking into buying more flashing 30mph reminder signs that can be installed temporarily in each Community Action Team area.

New package to improve school travel plan

A LIST of improvements has been drawn up for Brookfield School's travel plan.

County Councillor Seán Woodward has proposed the following points for investigation:

1 Lockwood Road – the proposed pool list has an item to revise the speed limit south of Peters Road. The section north of Peters Road will be added to the list for deployment of speed counters.

2 Changing the sign-posted route to direct Warsash traffic via the Lockwood Road distributor road rather than the mostly residential Brook Lane. This should reduce the level of traffic on the road – cars and lorries – who are just using it as a through road. Hampshire Highways worked rapidly to implement this suggestion and the changed sign is already in place.

3 A weight limit to ban heavy goods vehicles on Brook Lane from Lockwood Road to Warsash will be added to the pool list for investigations as a priority for the 2010/11 programme.

4 Speed enforcement on all of Brook Lane, which will be added to the list of roads for checking vehicle speeds. The County Council will also look into the possibility of other traffic calming measures.

Yellow lines to prevent parking in residential roads near Brookfield School in school hours are also being pursued.

Councillor Woodward said: "This package of measures that I have proposed should, if implemented, bring some benefits to those who live on this road and the roads off."



Old directory formula is yellow plus blue equals green...



OLD EDITIONS of Yellow Pages telephone directory can now be recycled in the blue top kerbside bins and paper banks.

Previously, there were several reasons why the directory could not be recycled, but Project Integra has resolved these issues

Executive Member for Streetscene Councillor Brian Bayford said:

"It has always seemed such a shame to throw out the old Yellow Pages.

"It will contribute towards the government's tight target for 50% of all household waste to be recycled by 2010."

Rise in number of Community Action Teams follows two years of success

COMMUNITY Action Teams across the Borough have been so successful since they were introduced two years ago that their number will be increased from five to six.

After a review, it was decided to split the town area into Fareham West and Fareham South, while retaining the others at Crofton, Portchester, Titchfield and the Western Wards.

Councillor Trevor Cartwright, Executive Member for Service Performance and Improvement and Lead Member for CAT, says the changes will start in June when the next meetings take place.

There will be three meetings per area per year instead of the original four, which were considered too frequent.

The Executive Leader of the Council will attend one CAT meeting in each area every year to answer questions.

The two funding streams – Neighbourhood Initiatives Fund and Clean and Tidy Neighbourhood Fund – will remain.

Agendas for the next meeting will have a clear theme, which will be decided by the CAT chairman, plus the normal feedback from previous meetings, police reports, updating on the bids process and general questions.

The last CAT meetings took place in March, when the new planning regula-



New lamp for old: The new lamp post on the Warsash roundabout which was funded by the CAT, after a request from Warsash Residents' Association.

tions were outlined by Lee Smith, Head of Planning Development Control.

In March, the Council's Executive approved a bid from the Portchester CAT area for £12,500 to support the purchase and installation of a RT 300, an active/passive trainer for disabled residents.

It incorporates functional electrical stimulation, where the individuals remain in their own wheelchairs, and will be located at Fareham Leisure Centre's gymnasium.

Danger lurks 'neath the spreading chestnut tree

ANOTHER prominent tree has been felled for safety reasons.

The horse chestnut had become a landmark near

the shops at Sarisbury Green, but was suffering from bleeding canker, a disease that has been spreading recently in

horse chestnuts.

The Council had no choice but to have the tree felled as a branch could have fallen off at any time.

Your views on Fareham's future needed

PUBLIC comment is invited to help plan Fareham's future.

Councillor Trevor Cartwright, Chairman of networkfareham, said Fareham's Sustainable Community Strategy was at the public consultation stage until May 29.

The Strategy has been called "Your Future, Your Fareham", and is all about residents' future well-being.

He said: "Fareham is already a pleasant place to live and work; however, we live in a world of changing needs and changing aspirations.

"To keep pace with, respond to and influence these changes, our 2020 vision is to improve the quality of life by preserving all that is good about Fareham, while increasing prosperity and making it an even more attractive place.

For more information or to comment, contact Johanna Hamilton, networkfareham co-ordinator, on networkfareham@fareham.gov.uk or visit the website at www.networkfareham.or.g.uk.

WARSASH 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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I am very proud of the young people in Fareham. Too often, young people get a bad press because of the actions of a tiny minority at the expense of the tremendous contribution that the majority makes to the wider community.

It creates a barrier between the generations. We need to redress the balance and emphasise the positive.

I am lucky that I get to see so much of what our young people are able to do. In the last few weeks, groups from Orchard Lea Junior School, Neville Lovett and Henry Cort have been to Westminster and I was struck by the range of questions they asked, demonstrating a keen interest in their community, nation and the wider world.

A few weeks ago I listened to young people at Portchester Community School set out their ideas on how we can improve facilities for them.

Their ideas were well thought through and demonstrated an understanding of conflicting pressures that councils face when allocating resources. What they said and did ran counter to the media stereotypes. Stereotypes dog every generation and group and where there are tensions between different groups these can be self-reinforcing.

We are too ready to be critical and we should be more willing to listen and recognise the qualities and talents of our young people. The only way to bridge the gap between the generations is to accept that the good outweighs the bad.

Young and old need to value each other more, and understanding each other's contribution to the community is a good starting point.

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Valuable work praised at opening of new Community Action offices

COMMUNITY Action Fareham has moved into new offices opposite Trinity Church at 163 West Street.

The independent charity supports voluntary organisations and provides a Home Help scheme and Advocacy project for people with mental health issues.

Other services include community transport and Dial A Ride for the elderly.

Shopmobility is also run by Community Action, giving disabled people access to town centre shops.

Council Executive Leader Seán Woodward officially handed over the keys on March 31 to the Chairman of Community Action

Fareham, George Ringrow, at the new building where a plaque was revealed as a tribute to the special occasion.

Councillor Woodward said: "It was an honour and a pleasure to hand over the keys to this valuable organisation.

"These brand new offices, will offer Community Action Fareham further support to continue their important work within the Borough".

The Council invested £528,000 to provide the specially designed offices in a prominent position in the town centre, which are a big



Fresh start: Seán Woodward (left) and George Ringrow outside the new offices.

improvement on the former dilapidated premises in Osborn Road South.

Foiling the Borough's midnight rubbish tippers

THEY sneak down the lanes after dark to dump their rubbish in the woods.

It saves them the fee for legally disposing of industrial waste at a council tip.

The culprits are often rogue builders who add to their profits by billing their unsuspecting clients.

They have made countryside around Sarisbury a disgrace.

County Councillor Seán Woodward said: "As fast as the Council and landowners clear the fly tipping, more vehicles arrive under cover of darkness to dump more waste."

But it won't be



happening in future. The Council has made a prohibition order which will prevent vehicles enter-

ing the footpath and bridleway network from Sarisbury Green (Glen Road and behind the

shops), Oslands Lane and Glen Road, Swanwick.

Signs and physical barriers will be in place, including lockable bollards for which keys will only be issued by Hampshire County Council to people with right of access.

Councillor Woodward added: "The order combined with the bollards will prevent this filthy practice. I'm hopeful the problem will be eliminated.

"Traders who charge people to remove this waste will now have to pay to dump it at the tip rather than on other people's property."

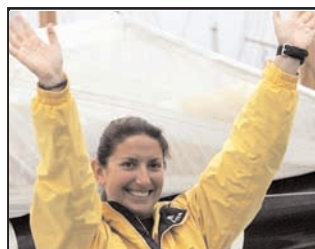
He thought he'd got away with it

Fly-tipper Ivor James (45) suffered a double whammy when he dumped his rubbish in Glen Road.

Fareham Council officers were delighted to find his name and address on mail in one of the bags. James denied involvement.

But he couldn't wriggle out of evidence from a public spirited resident who caught him in the act on camera and noted his vehicle registration number.

James, of Addison Road, Sarisbury admitted the offence and was sentenced to 100 hours' community service by the town's magistrates and ordered to pay the Council £645.76.



Fareham honour for Dee's daring deeds

DEE CAFFARI, first woman to sail solo non-stop around the globe in both directions, will be presented with the Citizens of Honour Special Achievement badge by the Mayor Ernest Crouch at a special tea in the Mayor's Parlour on May 5.

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