



# In Touch

with our community

FAREHAM EAST – BOROUGH ELECTION SPECIAL

## Peter's comeback call to voters: 'I'll fight any more development'



**Government's green grab:** Peter Latham looks across farmland north of Fareham where the crops will shortly be replaced by an eco-town for 7,000 homes, which the Borough Council has been forced to accept.

### Planning will top his agenda

Peter Latham promises that if he is returned to Fareham Council, planning issues will be top of his agenda. He will:

- Fight to maintain the countryside and make it accessible to the public.
- Strongly resist any Government attempt to increase the number of houses above the level already granted.
- Keep residents informed of new agreements regarding the proposed SDA, making sure the necessary funding for infrastructure is in place before building starts.

### RESIDENTS are bitterly opposed to a new town for 8,000 people being built on green fields north of Fareham.

So is Peter Latham, the former Leader of Fareham Borough Council who stands as the Conservative candidate in East Ward.

Hundreds of acres north of the M27 have been identified as the site for a Strategic Development Area (SDA) and Fareham as a major growth area,

Originally, the Labour Government wanted to force a new town of 10,000 inhabitants with accompanying employment developments almost in the backyards of people living in Fareham's north wards.

The figure has since been revised to 7,000 homes, but only after the Council was forced to accept it as an eco-town.

But it would still increase Fareham's current population of 112,000 by up to 20,000.

### Powerless to stop it

Peter Latham says: "Regrettably, if this development does come to fruition in the next decade the Council will not be able to stop it; the decision has been made.

"What the Council can do is to ensure that the entire infrastructure required is in place and the effects on the residents are minimal."

Peter Latham, who served as a borough councillor from 1982 to 1991, recalled reactions at a recent public meeting about the plan.

"I attended a Community Action Team meeting at Uplands Primary School in February and the opposition and concern of the speakers was obvious.

"It was patently clear that, like me, the vast majority of people present opposed the prospect of a whole new community on an already over-developed part of the country."

### Highest quality

Peter Latham says councillors should ensure that whatever is built is of the highest quality and is a development of which, eventually, we can all be proud.

"Nobody particularly likes change that affects the normality of our lives but it is a fact of life that the population of this country is likely to increase and the consequence of

that is additional housing and more jobs.

"As I write this address, the date of the election is nearly two months away and yet it seems to have been discussed by political pundits and the national press for ever.

"By the time the day finally arrives many will be sick and tired of politics and politicians.

### Nation in a mess

"They never answer questions; make empty promises and are only visible on your doorstep now and are never to be seen again until the next election.

"Why should you vote?"

"Simply because this nation is in a mess with debts spiralling out of control and your cross on the ballot paper is a sign of support for the party that you believe can reverse the dire state we are in.

"I happen to believe that it is the Conservative party that will provide the medicine we need, but that is ultimately a matter for you to decide."

# A record of ACTION, a promise of MORE

Posbrook Gardens  
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**Dear Elector**

I have lived in Fareham all my working life, from 1970 until the present day.

For the last 33 years, I have lived in the same house at Posbrook and only old age or ill health will drag me away.

I was born in Gloucester and educated at the Crypt Grammar School. From there I went to Bristol University where I studied Law and obtained an upper second honours degree. I am a solicitor by profession and have worked in Fareham for the same firm for 40 years.

It is a substantial firm in this area and we have offices in Fareham, Havant and the Isle of Wight. I specialise in property and criminal law.

I have been a partner in the firm since 1971. In 1984, I was appointed Managing Partner, a post I held until 1999, and in 1990 I became Senior Partner – a post I still hold.

My daughter is married with two children and lives with her husband in Southampton Road. My partner is Christine. We have been together since 2002 and she fully supports me in my wish to return to the Council.

I have a busy life but when I am not working my outside interests are gardening, the theatre, football and cricket.

I believe I served the Council and residents well in the past and would try to do so again.

You should know that I never thought of myself as a political animal. I believe that all parties should work together to achieve the best they can with the resources available to serve the residents of this Borough.

That I would do should you put your faith in me.

Fareham East is a very diverse area. It comprises residential, business, countryside, waterside and village communities. Each of these areas has its own individual needs.

I am therefore asking you to give me your support and the opportunity to represent your views and concerns on Fareham Borough Council.

If you elect me, I promise to fight on your behalf to preserve and improve the area we all share.

Yours sincerely

***Peter Latham***

On Thursday, May 6 please vote Conservative for

# PETER LATHAM

Polling stations open 7am – 10pm

# Former council leader can offer his constituents a wealth of experience

**PETER LATHAM** can offer electors a wealth of experience with a distinguished record of public service to Fareham.

He was a member of the Borough Council from 1982-91, during which he served on several committees and outside bodies.

From 1984-87 he was chairman of the Roads and Works Committee and Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, taking over chairmanship of that committee and leadership of the Council in 1987.

He had to retire from the Council in 1991 when he was appointed Deputy Coroner for Portsmouth and South East Hampshire – a post he held for 12 years until his retirement in 2003.

He believes the experience he gained during almost a decade as a councillor will serve him in good stead to represent the residents of Fareham East.

Peter has always been a Conservative and has these simple straightforward values:

- 1 Live within your means
- 2 Never make promises you do not intend to keep
- 3 Work to help others as far as you can

He says: “We live in difficult times with the National Debt having risen to frightening levels. However, nothing can be changed by blaming others for the situation we find ourselves in.

“I am heartened by the fact that the Council has acted with prudent financial acumen in delivering year on year nominal council tax increases. It was a great achievement this year to achieve a zero increase.”

Peter has a proven track record and knowledge of the Council.

As its Leader, he came into daily contact with the officers and is aware of the work of all departments – experience that will be an asset in his ability to help residents in all areas of responsibility.

He can't promise to solve everything, but he will always try his best to represent everyone, irrespective of party allegiance.

Fareham East needs a **strong** voice on the Council. Peter Latham will give it.

Peter is **always** available for his constituents

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Peter Latham is pictured with his daughter, Sophie, who lives in the ward.

## Time for change in Fareham East: Peter will deliver it

### Fareham MP Mark Hoban says:

“It is time for a change. As your councillor, Peter Latham will a great job.

“As someone who has worked in the centre of Fareham for many years, Peter understands the issues that local residents face and will fight for you. Please give him a chance on May 6.”

**Fareham Council Executive Leader Councillor Seán**

### Woodward says:

“Peter Latham was Leader of the Council in earlier times and I believe he has a lot to offer to the residents of Fareham East.

“With his legal training he has a clear view on matters and I have no doubt he will represent you well.

“I hope that, like me, you will agree that it is time for a change in Fareham East and that you will vote Conservative on May 6.”



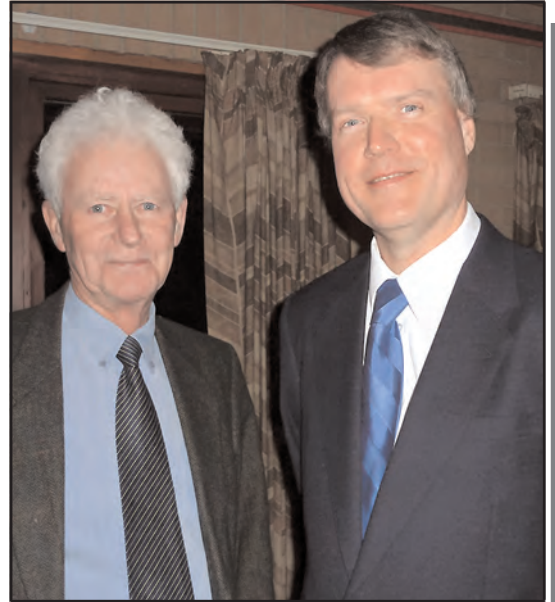
# Out and about with Peter Latham

## Seats with a view



**View point:** Peter Latham chats to resident Mrs Louise Clubley about the smart new seats provided by Community Action Team funding at Fareham Quay.

## Leaders then and now



**Reunion:** Fareham Council Leader Seán Woodward greets his predecessor, Peter Latham, who occupied the chair from 1987-91.

## Wallington flood prevention

### Right of way



**Their paths meet:** Fareham East Conservative candidate Peter Latham discusses possible County Council improvements to Bridle Way 100 with County Councillor John Bryant.



**Seeing for himself:** Wallington villagers have been plagued by the river's frequent flooding and by drivers who park indiscriminately, then beetle off to town to work or shop. Peter Latham is aware of these long-standing issues.