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FAREHAM NORTH – BOROUGH ELECTION SPECIAL

Fareham is forced to accept 'lesser of two evils' eco-town



Every which way you lose: Pam Bryant surveys the countryside just north of the M27 which will soon be just a memory for Fareham residents who have enjoyed rambling there when the Government pillages the fields for an eco-town of 7,000 people.

NORTH FAREHAM residents have fiercely opposed the prospect of the green fields north of the M27 being snatched by the Government to build a new town.

At first, it looked as though at least 10,000 homes would be forced on the Borough Council, which was powerless to stop them.

For Labour had identified the site for a new Strategic Development Area (SDA) bringing a whole new community into an already over-developed part of Fareham.

Then Whitehall gave Fareham a choice – take the full whammy or apply for Eco-Town Status for the SDA

“So that’s what we did and this was accepted in March, but it is just the lesser of two evils,” said Councillor Pam Bryant.

Over the past 40 years this area has seen tremendous change, with open countryside and farming communities having been swallowed for housing and industrial units.

Infrastructure must be provided

“Unfortunately, Government identified Fareham as one of the growth areas in the South and whilst we may not be able to stop this last piece of countryside being developed, we must make sure that all the infrastructure required is provided.

“If the SDA is forced upon North Fareham by Government, then it is essential that the Government provides money for infrastructure improvements.”

She is mindful of the need for housing in the area, but feels residents should be kept informed of any new proposals and given the opportunity to voice their opinions.

She was pleased to see so many attending the last Community Action Team (CAT) meeting at Uplands Primary School when planning officers gave presentations and answered questions on the SDA project.

House numbers reduced

As a result of being accepted for Eco-Town Status, the number of houses reduces from 10,000 to 7,000 and the Council has been awarded £200,000 to help plan the new ‘green’ development site with the possibility of further grants.

It also means the development will have to meet strict criteria about infrastructure, housing standards and waste water with provision for renewable energy and at least 40% of green space.

There are currently only four eco-towns in England, including one at Whitehill Bordon in north Hampshire.

Pam Bryant says: “While I am among

those opposed to any further development in North Fareham, particularly something the size of the SDA, if it is forced on us then eco-town standards might be preferable.

“It would certainly allow us to put pressure on the Highways Agency to get the many improvements necessary to accommodate it. We cannot expect taxpayers to pay for funding shortfalls.

Loss of wildlife and woodland

“However, each eco-town proposed will need to go through the regional and local planning system which involves extensive impact assessments and local consultation.

“If this all goes ahead, the development will become a ‘showcase for sustainable living’, but we must be mindful of issues likely with such a vast increase in population and make sure the present residents, who have enjoyed this lovely part of Fareham for many years, have as little disruption as possible.

“Much of the wildlife which inhabits the area is almost certainly going to be lost along with woodland.

“This is something most residents will have feelings about, also the denial of the lovely country walks available to everyone in North Fareham.

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Dear Elector

I am writing to you to ask for your support in the Fareham Borough Elections on May 6. As one of the present serving Councillors for Fareham North Ward, I have been selected to stand again as the Conservative Party Candidate.

I am proud to be a member of Fareham Borough Council which provides good value for money, has robust plans for future improvement and continues to achieve high performance across most services that matter to residents.

Fareham has always been my home and I am determined to see we get the best. Please help me to help YOU and give ME your support on Thursday, May 6.

Fareham North is an area of contrasting characteristics. It comprises residential, business, countryside and village communities stretching from Hoads Hill in the north to West Street in the south. Each of these areas has its own individual needs. I am, therefore, asking you to give me your support and the opportunity to continue representing YOUR views and concerns on Fareham Borough Council.

During the past four years I have been Chairman of the Streetscene Panel, I am also the Licensed Traders Panel Chairman and a member of the Public Protection Panel, the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee and the SDA Liaison Group.

As one of the Council's representatives serving on the Henry Cort College Community Management Committee, it is good to know that there are many sporting and community activities available to local residents.

I was recently appointed to Fareham's Fairtrade Working Group and look forward to my involvement with the group in promoting general awareness of the ever increasing variety of products available to help so many deserving people across the world.

During my work on Fareham Borough Council, I have dealt with many issues for the residents of Fareham North Ward, represented your views at various meetings during this time and have also kept you informed with regular *In Touch* newsletters. I have made many good friends amongst you since I was first elected onto the Council in 1990 and have enjoyed helping and meeting many residents with problems both large and small over the years.

I am a strong believer in getting value for money whilst being interested in making sure that Fareham continues to improve the general environment of the Borough. This can only be done with sound and prudent financial principles from all aspects of the Council operation.

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

Yours sincerely,

Pamela M Bryant

On Thursday, May 6 please vote for

PAMELA BRYANT

Polling stations open 7am – 10pm

Born, bred and still living in her ward – the ideal pedigree for a local councillor

PAMELA BRYANT was born and bred in Fareham, her childhood home being in Old Turnpike.

She has lived in Fareham North for the past 41 years with her husband and has a daughter and two granddaughters being educated locally.

Husband John is also her colleague on Fareham Borough Council as well as being County Councillor for the Town Division.

With both of them being Councillors they are able to work as a team to represent residents and able to assist one another when difficulties occur with residents' problems.

Pam is well known around the ward and has become a very experienced councillor with a vast amount of local knowledge, both of the district and of the people.

This has been achieved from many years working in the centre of Fareham as well as her involvement with a variety of charitable organisations in the town.

In 2002/03 she was privileged to be Mayor of Fareham, a memorable year of office particularly as it was the Queen's Golden Jubilee Year which gave an opportunity to meet many local people and volunteers from various organisations in the town.

In 2006/07 when John was honoured to be Mayor, Pam was already familiar with the duties required as Mayoress of Fareham.

Pam and John were the first husband and wife to have had the honour of both being Fareham's First Citizens.

Pam always tries to do her best for ALL residents and has a proven record of getting things done, so who better to represent them than a long standing resident of the ward who is prepared to give her time to helping residents in the local community?

Pam is **always** available for her constituents

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Making herself heard: Fareham North needs a strong voice on the Council and Pam Bryant gives you that voice.



Civic duties

Pam was Mayor in 2002-03, then the roles were reversed in 2006-07 when John was Mayor and Pam his Mayoress.

They are pictured during a visit to Portchester Memorial Garden.

'Always rely on Pam to fight your corner' – MP

Fareham MP Mark Hoban says:

"Pam is a hard-working local councillor. Her experience is a great asset to local residents, who can always rely upon Pam to fight their corner. She deserves your support and please vote for her on May 6."

Fareham Borough Council Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward says:

"It gives me great pleasure to commend Councillor Pam Bryant

to you for re-election to Fareham Borough Council. I believe that she has already done sterling work on your behalf during her years as a Borough Councillor and as Editor of *In Touch*.

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

"I am delighted she has agreed to seek election. I hope that you will vote **BRYANT** on Thursday, May 6 and support the only candidate with the proven ability to represent you effectively."



Out and about with Pam Bryant

A blot on the town centre



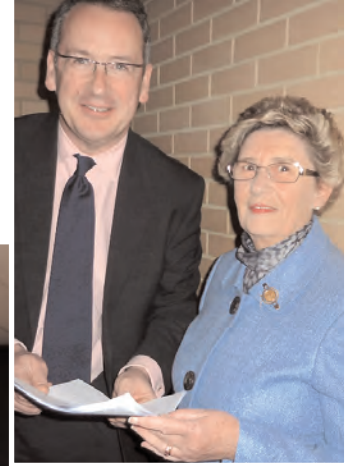
Tatty corner: Station Approach is an eyesore at the end of West Street and Pam Bryant hopes the proposed new bus interchange will smarten it up.

Good investment with so much to offer



Duty calls: Pam visits Fareham Leisure Centre to view new equipment. Since £1.3m was invested in new facilities, the centre attracts 18,000 regular visitors annually, offering a wide range of activities.

Campaigners



Backing: Fareham MP Mark Hoban, soon to be seeking re-election himself, has given his whole-hearted support to Pam Bryant's local campaign.

Getting to grips with parking



Long awaited: A parking scheme for town centre residents has been drawn up by the Borough Council and should be in place this summer. Here, Pam Bryant is assessing the parking situation in Gordon Road.

Making a difference



Supporters: Pam and John Bryant were Mayor and Mayoress when Fareham became a Fairtrade Borough. They visited the stall in the Shopping Centre during National Fairtrade Fortnight last month. Pam (pictured) said: "We support the commitment to Fairtrade which makes a difference to people in poverty."