

Broadlaw folks' relief as new day dawns at 'haven of crime'

IT'S LONG had a reputation as a run-down haven of crime, drugs and vandalism.

But Broadlaw Walk is on the verge of a new dawn that will see the eyesore replaced by an eye-catching development costing £14m.

Councillor Dennis Steadman, who has supported the new scheme throughout with fellow ward Councillor Trevor Howard, said:

"The long awaited dream is now taking shape at Broadlaw Walk with the new beginning starting with demolition of the complex and surroundings that had become an eyesore to residents and visitors alike.

Louts force shops closure

"Sadly, many of the shop units have had to close over the years due to the loutish behaviour of a semi-criminal element of youth.

"These were small businesses that were once the vendors' only source of income and possibly their dreams."

Then developers First Wessex came along with their plans for the complex.

"There was obviously a great deal of scepticism from most of the people living around there and Trevor and I were consulted for our views.

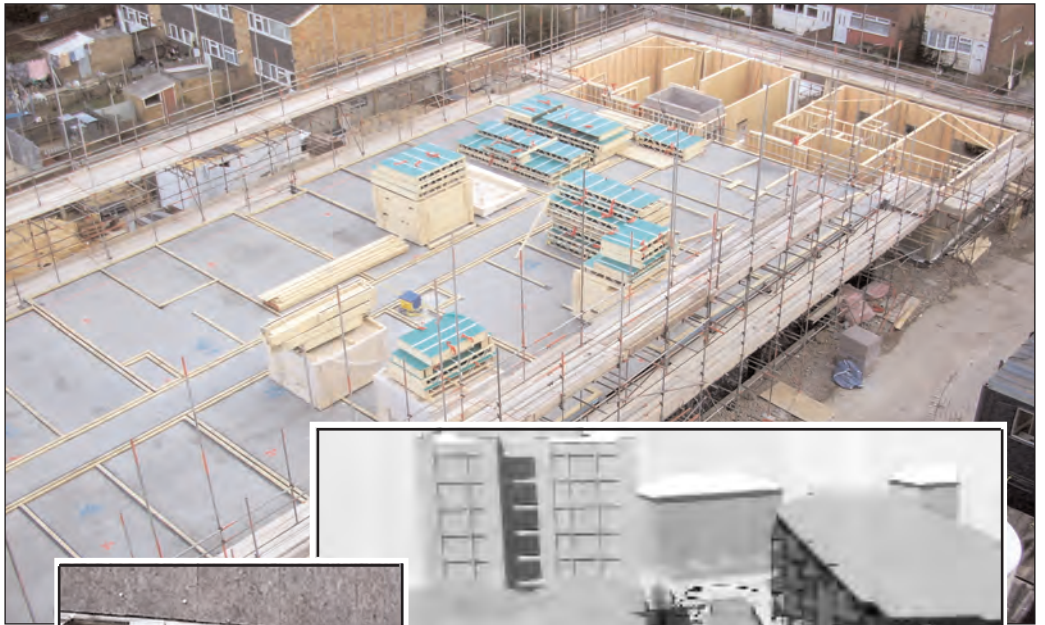
"We have followed the progress all the way, with discussions taking place with Fareham Planning Department and we have always been more than enthusiastic since its inception."

Work forges ahead

During the winter, First Wessex has pushed ahead with the demolition of the main block and groundworks to set up the drainage and foundations.

The steel frame has been erected and the main structural outline of the new shops and flats is now beginning to take shape

Councillor Steadman continued: "This is the accumulation of years of work and planning by First Wessex, Fareham Borough Council and ROK Construction."



Taking shape: Aerial view (top) of the new Broadlaw Walk development. Above is an artist's sketch of the finished job and Dennis Steadman (right) points to the run-down buildings that are being replaced.

A survey was held asking for suggestions or criticisms from local residents as to what implications such a major project would have on them and the surrounding area.

Fun time

"Residents were very happy at the public consultation that was held, even bringing their young children to paint murals making it a fun time for all with an almost carnival atmosphere.

"Successive years of vandalism and anti-social behaviour have taken the toll on

local people, with the continued necessary presence of police patrols.

"This should now dissipate and, hopefully, with it the stress of living near to what had become a monster."

Time scale for the completion of the first phase is still set for early 2011, with the second phase due in spring 2012.

Councillor Steadman added: "The total scheme cost is £14m and it really shows the depth of investment that First Wessex has brought to the local area and it should be applauded."

A record of ACTION, a promise of MORE

Dear Elector,

I am writing to ask for your support in the Fareham Local Elections on May 6. I would like to draw your attention to some of my achievements over the past 9 years as your Councillor and my priorities and aspirations for the future, should you re-elect me.

One of my most difficult but most satisfying achievements was the reconfiguration of the exit from Mill Road to Gosport Road which had always been thought of as a potential death trap to pedestrians, young children and the elderly. By replacing the extremely narrow footpath with a full width 1.6 metre footpath and making it into a one-way system at that end, it ensures complete safety.

I have been successful in arranging a rolling programme of repairs to faulty and dangerous areas with particular emphasis to the Walks along the Bishopsfield area where extensive rebuilding and replacement of footway surfaces has taken place.

I had the old bus shelter in Bishopsfield Road replaced with a more modern one and recently had a bus shelter installed at Youngbridge Court, which appears to be widely used by local residents, and a new footpath with access into Cams Alders with the help of one of the residents opposite.

Additional car parking was provided at Endofield Court with kind help from Wally Wallbridge, whose idea started the ball rolling and instigated my approach to Hampshire Highways.

The old bench seat at the Elmhurst Road–Gosport Road junction was replaced at the request of a local resident. It took a long time, but finally we won through at no cost to the ratepayers. As it was nearly new, it was removed from Broadlaw Walk and donated by the Portsmouth Housing Association.

Regarding Trafalgar Court, I have over many years been instrumental in having quite a lot of outside work carried out. More recently, extensive work that had become necessary was undertaken as funding became available.

Vegetation problems have plagued Trafalgar Court for many years, causing great discomfort to tenants but now these will be eradicated. The problems included removal of the large tree blocking light from some flats, clearing back of overgrown shrubbery by No18, which has been getting bigger and denser for many years to the dismay of the nearby tenant, all trees in the surrounding area trimmed and bushes cut back

Fitting of additional lighting around Nos 8–10 flats will give those tenants a much more security.

I have also been heavily involved with housing problems over the years with successes in the prevention of evictions and securing larger or better accommodation for tenants, which has given me such great pleasure and I hope to help many more.

My main aspiration is the provision of a Youth Centre for the West End area of Fareham South. It will be very difficult but I shall still try. If you re-elect me I promise to continue the fight on your behalf to help preserve the area we all share.

As your Councillor, I will maintain my dedication to serve you as I have always served you in the past.

Yours sincerely

Dennis Steadman



Success: "Mill Road was one of my most challenging and satisfying achievements."

On Thursday, May 6 please vote for

DENNIS STEADMAN

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Karate training helps Dennis to hone fighting skills on constituents' behalf

MARTIAL arts exponent Dennis Steadman is used to battling against the odds and taking the knocks.

He first stood for Fareham Council in 1999 and lost.

Undeterred, Dennis battled back and the following year ousted Labour, which had a large majority and regarded Fareham South as a stronghold, by 34 votes.

In 2002, however, Dennis found himself on the mat once more.

But you can't keep a good man down for long and the following year he made another comeback, this time enhancing his majority.

He has now been one of the ward's two Conservative councillors for the past 7 years.

Dennis Steadman has been married to wife Carole for 46 years and has two grown up children and two grandchildren. The family settled in Fareham in 1972.

His main employment has ranged from computer engineer to area service manager for a world renowned domestic appliance company prior to starting up a 'one man band' domestic repair business, which he ran successfully for about 18 years.

He joined the Fareham Conservative Party in 1995 and remains a dedicated member.

Dennis's and Carole's 'relaxation' is Martial Arts and they have specialised for the past 22 years with Karate.

They formed their own Karate organisation training in Swanmore and now have



Fighting fit: Dennis is pictured (above) with some of the young people he trains at sessions held in Swanmore and (right) in a typical Karate stance.



over 75 students ranging from 5 years to adults.

Dennis and Carole were awarded their 5th and 4th Dan Black Belts respectively in March 2010 in recognition of a 30-year dedication to their chosen sport.

On the Council, he is vice-chairman of the Public Protection PDR panel, member of the Housing Tenancy Board, a deputy on Streetscene Panel, Scrutiny Board and Integra Recycling Scrutiny Committee and a member of Neville Lovett Community and Fareham Road Safety Council.

Dennis is dedicated to his Council work and has a 95% attendance record on committees.

Dennis is always available for his constituents

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Hard-working councillor has earned your support

County Councillor John Bryant (Fareham Town Division):

"Dennis is an excellent, hard-working councillor, who uses his enormous local knowledge and experience to stand up for your interests.

"Dennis, who is wholly supported by his wife Carole, works tirelessly for the benefit of Fareham South residents. Anyone who has ever taken a problem to Dennis knows he will work diligently to ensure a solution.

"It is a pleasure to recommend he receives your vote to continue his work. He deserves your support on Thursday, May 6."

Councillor Trevor Howard (Fareham South):

"I heartily concur with the comments made by County Councillor John Bryant. Dennis is my fellow councillor, we have worked together in Fareham South for many years and I sincerely hope that that partnership is maintained by your vote."

Fareham Council Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward: "I am delighted Dennis has agreed to seek re-election. He has lived locally for many years, has worked hard as your Councillor and I know he will continue to do sterling work for the residents of Fareham South if he is re-elected."



Out and about with Dennis Steadman

Sheltered accommodation



Easier waiting: Dennis received numerous complaints about the state of this bus shelter in Bishopsfield Road and battled successfully to get it replaced with this new one.

Nicer walks



On a roll: A section of the rolling programme of footpath rebuilding in the walks that has been undertaken by Dennis (with the help of Hampshire County Council, of course!).

Cams path

Take a seat, lads



Taking a break: Two young students take a rest on the seat in Gosport Road that Dennis had transferred from Broadlaw Walk.



New path: Councillor Dennis Steadman is continually pressing to upgrade the ward's footpaths. Here, he surveys the new footpath into Cams Alders which he got the Council to provide after several requests from residents.

Extra parking – thanks to Wally



Well done Wally! 80-year-old Wally Wallbridge (pictured left) came up with the idea to provide added car parking at Endofield Court and Dennis got it done in three months – an excellent example of ward councillors, residents and the Council working together.