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THE 'SDA' DEBATE

What exactly has happened about the Strategic Development Area, the up to 7,000 houses on greenfield land to the north of Fareham?

Well, on 18th November, the Conservative dominated FBC approved the so called, "Draft Core Strategy", which includes the initial go-ahead for the SDA amongst other smaller developments. All 8 Lib-Dem Councillors and two Conservatives voted against it. ***This does not, however, mean the battle is lost.***

You have the opportunity to comment on the "Soundness" of the Core Strategy during the representation period starting on Monday 13th Dec 2010 and ending on Monday 31st January 2011 at 5p.m. We encourage you to "**Have Your Say**"

Documents relating to the consultation can be viewed on the FBC website and comment forms are also available in libraries and the Council Offices. **Please make Your Views Known.**



New Houses Here?

New Roads Here?



If **You** don't want to see this development go ahead in its present form, **Make Your Voice Heard**. Many of you already have, by signing the petition against the SDA, that we published in a recent edition of FOCUS.

DEMOCRACY AT WORK !? At the full Council Meeting on 16th Dec, Cllr Séan Woodward stated that the on-line consultation regarding FBC's Corporate Vision and Objectives, including a question about the SDA, had been "*hacked*".

A press release, also dated 16th Dec, [see the FBC website, enter keywords 'Press Releases' click through to December 2010], now states that "*FBC has been made aware of an organised campaign to influence the outcome of a consultation....and that.... a lobby group has encouraged its members across South Hampshire to respond to the Council's draft Corporate Vision and Objectives on-line survey, in order to influence the outcome of a question about the potential new community.*"

It also says, "*We therefore feel we have no option but to re-launch the consultation, and disregard the responses provided on the draft Corporate Vision and Objectives so far.*"

This means that if **You** have already made your views known, FBC **will** disregard them. We hope **You** will **Have Your Say** again when the on-line consultation is re-launched on 4th Jan 2011, but be quick, it will finish on Tuesday 15th Feb 2011 !

Your Questions Answered What is Happening About....?

DEBENHAMS AND THE UNFINISHED MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK IN CIVIC WAY?

At last ! It now seems that Debenhams WILL be coming to Fareham into a larger store than originally planned. Work will, we understand, begin again on both the store and the car park early in 2011 and complete by the summer.

HAVE YOUR SAY – IN "FAREHAM TODAY"

The magazine "Fareham Today" is published quarterly and gives a great deal of information about our area. Perhaps, more importantly, it occasionally contains surveys and/or questions about which FBC want to know **Your** opinion. *Don't just bin it. Read it, and Have YOUR Say* on some important local issues.

Unfortunately because very few people respond to surveys, they are often unrepresentative of the population of Fareham.

FAREHAM'S E-PANEL

FBC's on-line e-panel, currently consists of about 950 active members. It allows **You** to Have Your Say in surveys and add your input to FBC's decision making process.

Anyone with e-mail can join the panel.

There is also a **Young People's e-panel** for anyone living in the Borough aged between 13 and 19 years. To Join, e-mail: consultation@fareham.gov.uk

NOISY NEIGHBOURS ?



We have recently helped four residents who have suffered noise issues from commercial premises.

If **You** have a problem with excessive noise from an

industrial unit, a shop or other commercial premises, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

ktrott@fareham.gov.uk or

pwhittle@fareham.gov.uk or go to:

www.fareham.gov.uk/council/departments/healthcommunity/neighbournoiseproblems.aspx

Fareham's Citizen of Honour Award 2011

Is there someone you know who helps others before themselves and never looks for praise?

Well, now **You** can say a very public thank you for their hard work and dedication to the local community by nominating them for the Fareham Citizen of Honour Award 2011?

Nomination forms are available at the Civic Offices and nominations can also be made on-line at:

www.fareham.gov.uk/citizenawards

You can also nominate a Young Citizen of Honour in two categories; 4 – 11 and 12 – 18 years of age.

RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEMES ?



The Residential parking schemes will be reviewed in the New Year.

- What are your thoughts?
- Are the schemes working or not ?
- Can **You** suggest improvements ?
- Please Make your views known in January

e-mail planningpolicy@fareham.gov.uk or write to R Hudson at Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham, PO16 7AZ

JIM'S BENCH

A new bench has been placed on the waterfront at Fareham Quay in Honour of Councillor Jim Murray who sadly passed away earlier this year.



The bench was provided with the aid of C.A.T. funding

SUPPORTING RESIDENTS

We have been actively supporting residents with a number of **Your** concerns and issues:

- Liaising with the Police about pavement parking outside homes.
- Supporting improvements to the memorial gardens in the Wickham Road Cemetery.
- Arranging provision of 'drop kerbs' for off-road parking access.
- Organising replacement and repair of road signs.
- Improvements to road markings and barriers on the Gosport Road.
- Overhanging trees
- Sourcing wood urgently for heating in the cold weather.

NEW HOUSING – OSBORN ROAD.

We are very pleased that First Wessex Housing Authority has provided a mixed development of 1 and 2 bedroom flats, in Whiting House and 3 bedroom houses on this site.

The Housing Association originally planned for the development to be comprised entirely of flats but Jim Murray and Katrina asked for the design to be changed to include some houses with gardens.

PLANNING ISSUES

- **Your** Councillors monitor planning applications and proposals across the area. We take up queries and concerns on a regular basis. Let us know if **You** need guidance on a planning issue.
- The plans for a new restaurant development at Cams Hill, are moving forward and we are taking steps to ensure the conservation area is protected and the public footpath suitably re-routed.
- Complaints continue to be recorded of 'commercial' bait digging in the Fareham creek conservation area. The Police are keen to know of instances of this illegal and damaging activity – please let us know if **You** see it happening.

TESCO – DEVELOPMENT....?



We realise that **You** have not seen much activity over the last few months. Neither have we, so we continue to ask – What's Happening, with the Tesco site?

Some delay has occurred due to legal and land agreements not having been agreed and signed. These important pieces of paperwork have now been completed and actual work on the new store is expected to begin early in the New Year.

There remains concern over the inevitable disruption which will happen whilst the concurrent roadworks at Quay St roundabout are completed. As yet, even the start date for this work is not known. However, FBC tells us that the roadworks **MUST BE** completed before the store can begin trading.

GRIT BINS



Paul inspects a grit bin

Resulting from the severe weather early in 2010, HCC have provided many grit and salt bins in residential roads around the county.

These are provided for use on roads, pavements and other communal areas. It has come to our attention that some inconsiderate residents have used the salt and grit mixture on their own private drives and paths.

These bins are not meant for personal use. Persistent abuse could result in their being removed.

What if Your bin is empty ?

On the inside of every bin lid is a phone number to call for refills: ☎ **0845 6035633**

BEWARE !

If **You** receive a card through the post from a company called **PDS** (Parcel Delivery Service) saying that they were unable to deliver a parcel,

DO NOT CALL the premium rate "0900" number they give.

It IS a scam.

Call Royal Mail Fraud on 02072 396655

WORKING FOR YOU

Paul and Katrina work together as a team to serve the interests of each and every resident of Fareham East and Wallington, to the best of their ability. We are always ready to listen and respond to your concerns and represent the needs of people across the Borough.

Contact us as above, or visit us at one of our regular surgeries at **Westbury Manor Museum** on the first Saturday of each month from 10:30 – 11:30. You are welcome to drop in for information and to discuss any concerns you may have.

Our next surgery dates are:

**Saturdays 8th January 2011, 5th February
5th March and 2nd April**

OPERATION "RESTORE" ?

Many potholes and poor road surfaces have been restored recently during HCC's "Operation Restore".

However, we have noticed that NEW potholes are beginning to appear in the resurfaced areas.

Do **You** know of such instances ?

Report them to Hampshire Highways so that further remedial action can be taken. Go to:

www3.hants.gov.uk/

[Selfservice/roadproblems.htm](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/Selfservice/roadproblems.htm)

MAYOR OF FAREHAM'S CHARITIES

The Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham, Councillor Brian Bayford and Mrs Susan Bayford, have arranged a variety of events in support of their chosen charities for 2010/2011, which are:

The Rainbow Centre – helping children with cerebral palsy and other similar disabilities.

Toe in the Water – a tri-service initiative to help traumatically injured service personnel through competitive sailing.

Global Voices – set up by a Fareham school to develop young people through the medium of music.

Tea Parties. Thursdays at 2.30p.m, with guest speakers, in the Mayor's Parlour. Admission £3.00:

Other Events:

21 Jan – Annual School Prom, Ferneham Hall

Dtbc – Quiz Night, Palmerston Bowls Club

20 Feb – Mayor's Spring Lunch, Portchester Parish Hall

25 Mar – Mayor's Charity Ball, Ferneham Hall.

To book for all events call,

 01329 824303

ACCESSING COUNCIL INFORMATION

The F.B.C. website provides you with access to Council information and online services. If you would like to contact the Council please e-mail to:

customerservices@fareham.gov.uk

Or  01329 236100

Don't have a computer?

Don't want to go on line from home? Visit Customer Services on the ground floor of the Civic Centre and use one of the 4 public access terminals or visit your local library where you can go on line for free.

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAMS

The Spring Fareham Town C.A.T. meeting will be in the Octagon lounge of Ferneham Hall on Tuesday 15th February 2011. As we went to print items being considered for the agenda are:

- A Speaker from Tesco,
- The North Fareham Greening Campaign,
- Air Quality issues.

We have also asked for information about the proposed Strategic Development Area forming a settlement of 7000+ homes.

Yet Again, it's
The Wallington Village
GRAND QUIZ
2011

Saturday 26th February

Wallington Village Hall

7.00p.m. £7.00 pp

Includes Fish & Chip Supper
(Alternatives available)

Bring your own drinks

Teams of up to 6

Tickets from:

Katrina Trott:  01329 310389

E-mail: katrina.trott4@ntlworld.com

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Raffle in aid of the Mayor's Charities

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