

Fareham West



The Focus Team in Fareham West carried out a Survey in June. Many thanks to everyone who returned the forms, we had a great response.

Here's what you told us :

The Community

The four most important things about living in Fareham West were:

- Good access to the Town Centre
- Friendly neighbours
- Good Local shops
- Friends/Relatives who live here
- The sense of Community

Local Environment

The most common problems you identified were:

- Potholed roads - reports of Potholes in Blackbrook Road, Longmynd Drive and many others!
- Damaged street signs
- Untidy and Overgrown Green Spaces



Priorities

You identified policing and road safety as the top two priorities, with bus services also high on the list.



A number of people also rated

Current issues

You and your neighbours see the three most important issues facing Britain today as:

- The NHS - the overwhelming majority of respondents highlighted this
- Crime
- Credit Crunch

We also asked you about how your council should be run :

There were two questions :

1) Would you like to see elected Parish Councils in the Fareham Districts with a say on matters affecting their immediate neighbourhood.

62% of you thought this was a good idea. In fact, the Coalition Government introduced the Localism Bill last year which aims to increase "community empowerment" and implement a "radical shift in the balance of power and to decentralise power as far as possible".

2) Which do you favour as the main decision-making body for Fareham Council?

An Elected Mayor : 7%

An Executive : 23%

Specialist Committees : 60%



A significant majority of those responding to the survey would like to see the more traditional form of Local Council back. Do you agree or disagree with this? **Please let us know!**

Focus Survey 2011

We've been analysing your survey responses and taking action on some of the key issues you've raised.

Here's what we've done :

Your main talking points :



The large number of potholes across the Fareham West Ward have been flagged up by our survey respondents. We have contacted Hampshire County Council on this matter, to get the area surveyed and prioritised on their schedule. We hope to have more information in our next Focus Newsletter.

The damaged streetsigns and overgrown areas have also been reported - to Fareham Borough Council, and again, we hope to have more information in our next

The SDA - Next Steps :

A number of people mentioned the SDA and the *inconsistent* position on this by some people who represent you. Hopefully the front page story will have brought you up to speed on this matter.

The special CAT meeting is not a full and proper CAT. It is limited to 100 places and being held at Funtley Village which is miles from most Fareham West residents. We requested a better venue, but were refused. We understand there will be two meetings on the 19th September, each of which are ticket only events : 7 - 8:30 pm and 9 - 10:30 pm.

Initially, only the Fareham North (Conservative) councillors were invited, but now, a single Liberal Democrat Councillor is also able to attend.

If you can't make the Community Action Team meeting, let us know your opinions/questions and we'll endeavour to make sure they are heard.

The area action plan (AAP) which will be concerned with the finer details and plans for the proposed new settlement will take about two years. The first consultation will take place towards the end of this year. It will be with interested community representatives and groups, including schools.

The main public consultation will be the 'Preferred Options' consultation which will probably take place towards the end of summer/early autumn 2012. We will keep you informed and there will be information from Fareham Borough Council.