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By-Election special: Thursday, November 9

Jim Forrest - local, active... and trusted

Stubbington Liberal Democrats have chosen JIM FORREST as their candidate in the Fareham Council by-election on Thursday, November 9.

Jim represented Stubbington on the Council for 10 years. And for 25 years he has worked hard for local people through the Ad Lib newsletters delivered all year round by Lib Dem volunteers.

The by-election follows the sudden resignation of former UKIP, then Tory, Councillor Chris Wood. Cllr Wood left the Council with six months of his term as Deputy Mayor still to run.

As a councillor, Jim Forrest won wide respect among Council staff, local organisations, and even opponents, by putting the needs of local people before party advantage.

Jim says: "Stubbington is under threat of over-development because of the Tories' failure to deliver the local plan.



"Our residents need a strong local figure to fight their case.

"I believe they will want to put their trust again in a party with a long record of service and loyalty to the area."

**Inside: How developers are threatening our village character:
Newlands Farm ... 1,000 houses; Daedalus ... 200 houses;
Peel Common ... 475 houses; Old Street ... 150 houses >>>**

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Our village under siege

Failure by Fareham's Tory Council to meet the timetable they set for building a 6,000-home estate at Welborne means its Local Plan faces a big shortfall in housing.

The Council say they will have to find sites for more than 2,000 new homes

elsewhere in the Borough in the next few years. A draft Local Plan sets out new sites where they would be prepared to grant planning permission - including up to 475 homes at Newgate Lane South, Peel Common. Meanwhile developers are putting forward plans

for countryside sites which are still designated as part of the Strategic Gap between Stubbington/Hill Head and Fareham. And Gosport plans 200 homes on our doorstep at Daedalus.

Below we set out the full extent of the threat to our village.

Newgate Lane will be estate's access

The revised Local Plan would allow 475 homes on land south of the Collingwood sports field and east of the new line of Newgate Lane.

The site lies outside the strategic gap, and the fields between the residential part of Newgate Lane and the new road would not be affected.

But most vehicle access would be via Newgate Lane South, now under construction.

Lib Dems have already pointed out that the new road will have no pedestrian crossing, and no lay-bys to allow the diverted bus services to pick up and



drop passengers safely without disrupting traffic flow on a key route from Fareham to Stubbington, Lee and eastern Gosport.

The plan speaks of improvement to local schools and early years childcare, but without specific proposals.

Clearly, 475 new families would have an impact on our schools and surgery, which are already under pressure.

Daedalus traffic will all go via our roads

Gosport has given planning permission for 200 new homes at Daedalus at Lee-on-the-Solent.

These are in two parcels, one behind the flats in Marine Parade West, the other north of Kings Road and Norwich Place.

The plan does not say what will happen to the old wardroom buildings.

Vehicle access will all be through Stubbington, either through the new road feeding into Stubbington Lane, or by a circuitous route to Broom Way.

Fareham is not the planning authority for that part of Daedalus, but would have been consulted on the plans.

Threat to wildlife

Jim Forrest has been advising residents near the site in Old Street, where developers want to build 150 homes overlooking the Titchfield Haven nature reserve.

This land is part of the Strategic Gap, and these fields alongside the reserve are important feeding grounds for visiting birds.

But builders have been pushing to put homes in areas

not previously allocated for housing because of hold-ups in the Welborne scheme.

Fortunately, four homes at Meon View Farm, also in Old Street but further away from the reserve, were refused on appeal because an inspector ruled they would spoil the character of the Countryside Gap.

But there's no guarantee another inspector would take the same view of the new proposal.



The land behind this gate at the Old Street/Plymouth Drive junction borders Titchfield Haven. Jim Forrest says: "Building here could be a disaster for migrating birds."

Newlands Farm nightmare is back

Hallam Land has again submitted an application for a large estate south of Longfield Avenue, after amending the proposals publicised earlier this year.

The amended plans would reduce the number of homes from 1,100 to 1,027, but the density would increase.

None of the homes would be on the west side of Peak Lane, where they propose a "country park" and small car park

Main access routes would be:

- Off Longfield Avenue west of the Bishopsfield Road junction.

- Off Peak Lane, by creating a roundabout between the existing Longfield Avenue roundabout and the new junction for the bypass.

- Off the bypass, north of Newlands Farm House.

A proposed health centre, care home, school and shops would be clustered near the Longfield Avenue site entrance

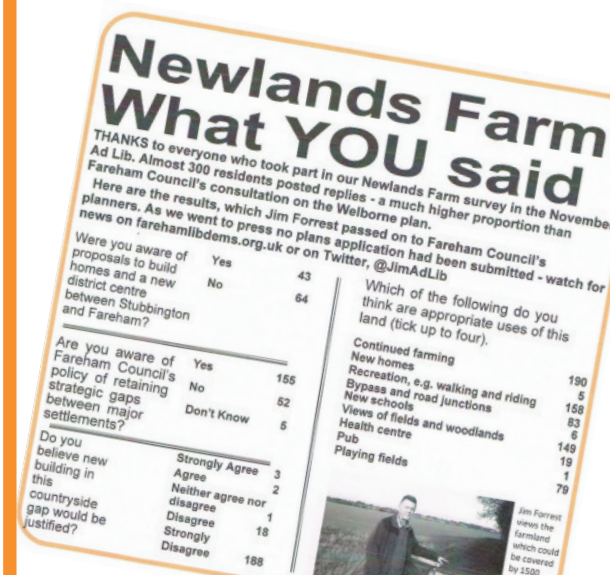
A pub/restaurant, play area and "sports hub" would be in

the south-east corner of the estate, all at some distance from the main access routes.

Would the builders be able to fund all these projects while keeping some of the new homes at affordable prices?

You can find the details by searching for P/15/1279/OA on Fareham Council's planning pages at fareham.gov.uk

You have until November 3 to comment - no date has been set for the application to come to the Planning Committee.



Stubbington Liberal Democrats have led the way in informing residents about Newlands Farm. Above are residents' answers to the survey we carried out when it was first proposed - more than 95 per cent against housing in the strategic gap, less than 5 per cent in favour.

And here's what Tories say

These are remarks from some Tory councillors when the Draft Local Plan was discussed at Fareham Council's Executive:

"The countryside gap between Stubbington and Fareham is incredibly large..."

"The Bypass will form a natural new boundary for the urban area..."

"Hallam say there will be a quarter of a mile between their most southerly homes and homes in Stubbington. That's adequate separation between the urban areas."

-Tory member for Warsash

"I visited Peak Lane to see for myself and thought: 'Why can't we put 1,000 homes here'."

- Tory member for Portchester West

In the face of views like those, we need a strong Liberal Democrat voice to fight for Stubbington on Fareham Council.

Residents used to get up to three re-usable garden waste bags emptied free every fortnight to help meet recycling targets.

Then Fareham's Tory Council cut the figure to one bag, with the option of paying for single-use plastic bags instead, or taking our re-usable bags to the tip.

Now Tory-controlled Hampshire County Council threatens to charge us for taking them there - **or closing some tips altogether.**

This policy brings the threat of an increase in fly-tipping.

It's part of a package of savage Budget cuts being considered by Hampshire Conservatives.



Other frontline services at risk under their proposals include:

- # Bus subsidies
- # School crossing patrols
- # Winter road-salting
- # Children's services
- # Street lighting.

We need more Liberal Democrats on our local councils to oppose the Tory assault on vital services. This by-election gives you the chance to put JIM FORREST back on Fareham Council to fight for YOU.

Something to say? Write, call or email us

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