



FROM JIM FORREST and YOUR LOCAL LIB DEM TEAM

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Time to decide: Who will speak for YOU?

Stubbington needs a Councillor who will dig out the facts and tell you what's going on

Polling Day in the Stubbington by-election is November 9 - your chance to choose a strong voice to represent you on Fareham Council

We've tried in our election leaflets to show how local Lib Dems work all year round for our village, and keep you informed about what's going on. We don't just offer political slogans or vague promises.

JIM FORREST has campaigned for residents throughout the 25 years he's lived in the area, and he represented Stubbington for 10 years on Fareham Council.

Jim says: "I continue to help Stubbington people to win improvements for our area, and I'll be

able to do so all the more effectively if you return me to the Council.

"In recent Ad Libs we've set out clearly the big planning issues facing Stubbington.

"We've given guidance on how residents can challenge developments like the proposed 1,000 houses at Newlands Farm that threaten the character of our village.

"We need to ensure that the big highways and other projects around Stubbington work to our benefit, and don't become the excuse to abandon our Countryside Gap.

"And we need to examine plans at the Daedalus Enterprise Zone to ensure the employment it brings isn't at the cost of our way of life."



Fighting to give residents a real say

Lib Dem councillors recently forced a challenge to Fareham's Draft Local Plan, which calls for hundreds of new homes on greenfield sites - including 475 alongside the re-routed Newgate Lane at Peel Common.

We said residents should be offered more options in the public consultation on the plan. We argued that the sites it proposed to allocate were unbalanced across the borough.

The Lib Dems called for more information about funding for infrastructure, and we pointed out that the wording of the draft plan gave the

impression that the Council was giving permission for some sites, rather than just recommending them at this stage.

The Tory majority on the Council's Scrutiny Board rejected our proposals, but they admitted that we made several valid points. The process helped to make it clear that residents could have a real say in the Consultation.

Jim Forrest attended both of the Council committees considering the Draft Plan - the only candidate in this election to do so.

Jim (pictured, left with Lib Dem leader Roger Price) said: "Our Lib Dem

councillors were again the voice of residents against an over-powerful ruling group."

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As this edition was being printed, we learned that former Tory MP Flick Drummond had quit her new £63,750-a-year job as Deputy Police Commissioner (See "Plum jobs for Tory Chums" on back page.) Both Ms Drummond and Commissioner Michael Lane are quoted as saying they found they couldn't work together. *We can only say again - Spend the money on proper coppers!"*

Working hard all year round

School is every which way



Residents were puzzled when a School sign was erected at the Gosport Road/ Southways junction - facing back towards Crofton and Baycroft Schools, and hundreds of yards from the nearest crossing patrol.

A few days later it had been reversed - but it's obscured by a tree. At least it now gives some warning of the school - but shouldn't it be on the opposite pavement, where drivers would be looking for warning signs?

IFA2: National Grid replies

National Grid has published a number of new reports about IFA2, the proposed electricity inter-connector proposed at Daedalus.

They set out responses to many of the questions raised about the project by residents, councillors and users of the airfield. We strongly urge everyone to read them

The reports can be found via the IFA2 links on Fareham Council's website www.fareham.gov.uk (Scroll down to "Latest News - 25th September 2017.")

The reports which may be of most interest to residents are those on Noise, Radio and Telecoms Interference, and TV reception.

They're written in densely technical language, but National Grid asserts it will meet the conditions laid down by the Council on: Public safety from

electro-magnetic fields; Noise; and TV/Radio reception.

The report on Telecoms Interference seems to leave more questions open, and we'd want to see assurances that users of the airfield are satisfied that their equipment is safe.

* PLANS have also been published for the public open space to be created round the site if IFA2 goes ahead.

This would give a landscaped green corridor along Gosport Road from just east of Southways to Peel Common and the Alver Valley.

It would give Stubbington residents much more of a share in the Daedalus land than anything previously proposed.

Worth considering - so long as we can be assured of safe operation of the converter and its cabling.

Cruel cuts in the services we need...

DRAMATIC cuts to frontline services are being pushed through by the Tories at Hampshire County Council. Their proposals have included:

- Closing half of all the tips in Hampshire - or charging everyone who uses the tips.
- Stopping bus subsidies.
- A 17% cut in support for disabled children.
- Cutting funding for sports
- Stopping funding all community transport including dial-a-ride.
- Axing funds for School Crossing Patrols.
- Cutting back school transport, especially for college students.
- Axing £500,000 from winter road maintenance, including gritting.

Yet at the same time...

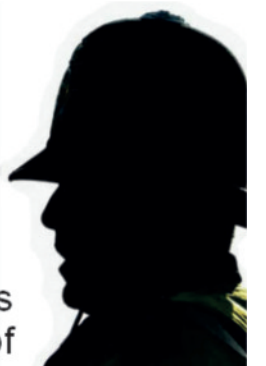
...Plum jobs for Tory chums

JUST weeks after losing her seat in Parliament, former Conservative MP Flick Drummond has been given the tax-payer funded role of "Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner" for Hampshire.

Her £63,750 a year pay packet could pay for **3 new police officers!**

Jim Forrest said: "This is a scandalous use of tax-payers' money.

Instead of spending our money on putting police on our streets, the Conservatives have chosen to give a gold-plated job to one of their own."



On November 9 vote for...

Jim

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