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## Labour News





**Fareham** 

# Jim Carr Labour's voice in Fareham South

### **Labour Says 'NO' to College Plan**

Fareham College has submitted a planning application with Fareham Borough Council to build up to 120 houses on the current car park and fields to the south of the college. Both Tory and Lib Dem councillors support this application.

This plan if approved will result in loss of green field space, increased traffic congestion, especially on Bishopsfield Road, causing parking problems and putting more pressure on local services.



Fareham South is already densely populated with many roads already being very busy. This proposed development will only add to the traffic and parking problems being suffered by local residents.

The proposed development of Welborne will provide much needed houses in Fareham while protecting other green spaces. Building houses on the fields behind Fareham College undermines this whole principle and sets a worrying precedent for similar projects on other green spaces. Once the houses and infrastructure are built the opportunity to extend the development the next time Fareham College needs to raise funds cannot be ruled out.

That is the reason Fareham Labour Party objects to this plan.

The plan will be considered by Fareham Borough Council at a planning meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 p.m. We hope that the Committee will have the sense to reject this application on the grounds of loss of open space and the increase in traffic congestion. Any other decision will fly in the face of the Council's strategic plan to build housing at Welborne so protecting open space in our urban areas.



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### **Ed Miliband will:**

- ON BILLS: Freeze gas and electricity prices until 2017.
- **ON HOMES:** Get at least 200,000 houses built a year.
- ON FAMILIES: Expand free childcare to 25 hours for working parents.
- ON PAY: Strengthen the minimum wage to make work pay.

### Free at Three

In these difficult times we need to help people and local businesses as much as we can. That's why one of Labour's policies for Fareham is to introduce free parking in the town centre car parks after 3.00pm. We believe that bringing in 'Free at Three' would encourage more people to shop in our town centre helping the local economy thrive.

### Western Way changes welcomed



After intense pressure from residents and local groups, including the Labour Party, Hampshire County Council is bringing in a new £1m road redesign in Western Way.

We welcome this move and say 'better late than never.' Ever since the lane for the Eclipse bus route to Gosport was introduced there has been massive congestion through Fareham. The bus lane removed one traffic lane which meant traffic stacking back towards junction 11 of the M27.

A bus gate will be constructed at the junction of Western Way and Western Road and the bus lane is being altered on the approach to the station roundabout. An extra bus lane will be constructed which will free up a lane for all traffic.

Labour says 'This shows what can be done if enough people and organisations join together to campaign for improvements.'

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### What would you like to see done to make Fareham better? Complete and send back to your local Labour Party representative. ☐ No development south of Longfield Avenue. Name: ☐ Repair road & path potholes. ■ Better street cleaning. Address: ☐ I object to new housing at Fareham College. If there were an election tomorrow who would you vote for? ☐ Labour ☐ Tory ☐ Lib Dem ☐ Other Phone: Please return to: James Carr, The Editor, Fareham Labour News, 9 The Brackens, Email: Locks Heath, SO31 6TU. Mobile:

