

Fareham News

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Cuts undermining social care and the NHS



Fareham Labour Party is campaigning against huge Tory cuts to adult social care.

Cuts to local councils will leave a gap in adult social care funding that will threaten the most vulnerable and undermine the NHS. Rising demand and the impact on council budgets have placed significant pressure on adult social care.

Despite their claims about funding the NHS, in reality the Government's severe cuts to local government funding has badly damaged adult social care and public health and put strains on the NHS.

The overall Government cuts in local authority funding means they are facing additional responsibilities with less money. This is at a time when NHS trusts face huge financial challenges as well; QA Hospital along with many hospitals across the country are facing budget overspends which will lead to further pressure on the trusts in future years.

The NHS and providers of social care face challenges around costs and recruitment of suitably qualified, skilled staff. Staff including carers must be paid a decent Living Wage to ensure staff are properly motivated and supported as they provide care for our vulnerable and elderly residents.

Campaign for more cycleways

On major routes throughout the Borough of Fareham - such as the A27 The Avenue - the current provision for cyclists is sadly lacking.

Cycling should be encouraged as a boost to fitness and good health and a sound environmentally friendly alternative to the car. Residents should be entitled to make their journeys safely through dedicated cycle lanes or on shared cycle and pedestrian pathways. We are calling on Hampshire County and Fareham Borough Councils to invest in improvements to the cycle network on key routes in Fareham.

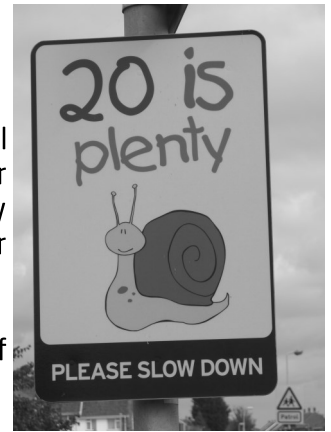
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Labour's "20's Plenty" Campaign

Over four years ago Labour started this campaign which is now making real headway. The County Council has been forced to listen to local people in their fight to reduce speeds to 20mph on residential roads. A pilot scheme is currently in place at Wallington and it is hoped the results will be published in the near future.

Labour is committed to fighting for safer roads throughout the Borough of Fareham.



Our open spaces can be protected

Fareham Council's announcement that 2,000 more homes will be needed in the Borough by 2036 should not mean we will lose all our open spaces. Labour believes that with sympathetic planning the town can still remain a good place to live.

We believe the Welborne development is essential to address the lack of supply of housing locally and to reduce the waiting list for social housing. Without it our children and grandchildren will be forced away from Fareham to seek affordable housing.

However we believe that the new housing development must include a high proportion of shared ownership, housing association, council and co-operative ownership. A key requirement is that there is long-term security of tenure for residents.

We are against building on the strategic gaps and the last pieces of green open spaces. The Hallam Development south of Longfield Avenue and the proposal for housing at Cranleigh Road are examples of development we oppose. We do support development of brown field sites, there are many such sites which could become available in the next 20 years that should be used to build the number of houses required by 2036. Fareham Borough Council must draw-up a development plan for the extra housing so we can find the land needed without resorting to building on open space.

Free at Three



Fareham Labour Party says we need to help local people and 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.

With Whiteley shopping centre having free parking we think it is vital that something is done to keep Fareham's shopping centre vibrant.

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