

Fareham News

News from Fareham Constituency Labour Party

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Labour fighting to protect our open spaces

Tory mismanagement of the current local plan, means that by 2036, 3,300 more homes could be built on our open spaces and strategic gaps in the borough.

Labour believes that with sympathetic planning the borough can still remain a good place to live. We believe that development is essential to address the lack of housing locally and to reduce the waiting list for social housing. New housing provision should be achieved through the use of brownfield sites wherever possible. Good examples are the old magistrates court and the Hampshire Rose site in Highlands Road.

We are against the proposals for large developments on valuable green spaces and will oppose the inclusion of these in the draft local plan which is under consultation. We maintain our opposition to development of land at Newlands south of Longfield Avenue, and other major plans such as Downend Road, Portchester and Greenaway Lane, Warsash,



Fareham Tories must be held to account for the delivery of Welborne which was meant to safeguard our green spaces.

Labour would promote a viable development plan for the borough through meaningful consultation with the community.

Crisis in urgent GP appointments



GP surgeries in Fareham are suffering as a result of Tory mishandling, having reported a reduction of as much as 30% in funding over the last 8 years. Funding pressures are set to continue with practices facing difficulty in recruiting new GPs.

Across Fareham, patients who need to be seen urgently are struggling to get appointments for their own GP practice. The new same day access service at Fareham Community Hospital, although welcome, is simply unsuitable for patients who find it impossible to get transport to Sarisbury Green.

Labour will invest in our NHS to give patients the modern, well resourced services they need for the 21st Century. Labour will ensure that NHS patients get the world-class quality of care they need and that staff are able to deliver the standards that patients expect.

Labour's "20's Plenty" Campaign

Over four years ago Fareham 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. Due to this more and more residential roads in the County are being changed to 20mph speed limits.

We are committed to fighting for safer roads throughout the Borough of Fareham.



Devastating £140m cuts to county services have been revealed.

Tory controlled Hampshire County Council's budget for 2019 is proposing a series of drastic cuts and changes to services across the council. Cuts to be imposed will mean up to 105 full-time jobs at risk.

Under the proposals, bus subsidies and funds for community transport services are set to be scrapped and up to half the 26 re-cycling centres could be closed.

Library services across the county are at risk of being privatised, home to school transport would be removed for 16 plus pupils with learning disabilities.

More extensive details of these drastic cuts are expected in the near future. These could cover culture and adult social care. For example potential cuts to services include:

- Withdraw offer of free transport to nursery children with special educational needs.
- Reshape children with disabilities work-stream.
- Cease the budget for the youth investment programme.
- Reduce all youth-related grants to child service organisations.
- Reduction in the number of school crossing patrols across the county
- Introduction of 50p fare for concessionary fares
- Reduced funding for arts and museums

Labour Group Leader on Hampshire County Council, Cllr Michael Westbrook said: "While the need for those services continues to rise, the cuts now amount to almost half a billion since 2008. Enough is enough."

With Labour there is HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE

LABOUR WILL :

- Provide free school meals for all primary school children and reduce class sizes
- Introduce a *Real Living Wage* of £10 an hour by 2020
- Ensure there is no rise in the state pension age beyond 66
- Take 1 million off waiting lists and cut A&E waiting to four hours
- Abolish university tuition fees
- Ban zero hours contracts and give workers full and equal rights from day one

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