

# Labour Rose



**Fareham South Ward – Election Special**

**Save our green spaces says Labour**



Threatened green land must be saved

In response to Fareham Council's development plans Fareham Labour has raised serious objections to proposals that seek to build on previously designated green spaces. Areas are under threat across the whole borough from Portchester to the western wards. Not only do these proposed developments threaten our green spaces, they also endanger the strategic gaps between Fareham / Gosport and Portchester / Fareham. Labour is on record as saying that Welborne should supply most of the housing development within the borough with brownfield sites meeting any additional requirements.

Andrew said: "We would support prioritising brownfield sites, for development including building higher density housing in existing town centres. We see town centres as one area that can provide much needed affordable housing. We object to the current proposals, which seek to designate areas of green space that were previously protected under their now defunct plan, which were rejected by the national Tory government."

Labour councillors would fight to keep as many green spaces as possible free from development.



**Andrew Mooney**

A Labour Council would:

- Take action to safeguard our local environment
- Introduce green policies in response to the climate change threat
- Increase the provision of affordable housing for rent and to buy
- Work with local providers to give a more integrated local public transport system
- Introduce cycleways connecting Fareham with neighbouring boroughs
- Work with property owners and shop-keepers to reinvigorate our community shopping areas

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**Vote Andrew Mooney - Thursday 6 May**

# Saving our shops

Fareham's shopping centres are facing a real threat to their very survival with shops closing on what seems a daily basis.

Retailers are facing the result of Covid lockdowns, high rents and business rates, while internet shopping, high parking charges (in Fareham town centre) and the loss of banking services have added to the problems. Urgent work needs to be done to revive our shopping venues across the borough.

A Labour council would join together with retailers' groups and local residents to consider measures to improve the shopping experience. Local specialist markets and cultural events could be included in any plan to revitalise our shops. We would hold meetings with property owners to see how we could help to reduce unaffordable rents and business rates which threaten the viability of many independent retailers. We would press government to give more help to struggling businesses after the terrible year we have all suffered.

Parking charges in Fareham shopping centre discourages shoppers. We would introduce free parking after 3.00pm in town centre car parks and oppose the introduction of charges in Portchester or Stubbington.



## A missed opportunity

Hampshire County Council has missed an opportunity to improve cycling and walking in the borough.

A recent consultation has proposed 'continuous footways' at Park Gate and Portchester by raising the roadside creating a level crossing for pedestrians and cyclists. This makes it safer for both walking and cycling.

Labour supports these proposals but says what a lost opportunity this is. Hampshire should have developed a comprehensive plan to enable safer cycling and walking along the A27 throughout Fareham borough. The lack of a cycleway along the A27 from Fareham College to the western wards prevents wider take-up of more active travel and a reduction in car use which would benefit us all. This should have been included to make cycling and walking easier and safer along the A27.



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## Action on climate change

Along with local residents, Labour has demanded action on the climate crisis. It is now down to those in office in our government and councils to take fast, significant and long term action to help save our planet and environment.

There are many things that need to be done. In particular Fareham borough is a heavily car-dependent area due to insufficient and expensive local public transport. As we come out of Covid restrictions our local transport infrastructure must be a priority for improvement to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Andrew Mooney said "Fareham and Hampshire Councils should take urgent action to mitigate climate change in Fareham and reduce our carbon footprint. There must be substantial action to help alleviate climate change which will affect us all."