

Briefing Paper

Sustainable Community Strategy

Feedback from public consultation – themed analysis of comments

INTRODUCTION

1. Public consultation on Fareham's draft Sustainable Community Strategy took place between 3 March 2009 and 30 June 2009.
2. The following interested parties were invited to prioritise the 22 issues identified in the strategy that need to be focused on over the next few years:

Who we consulted with	How we consulted
Fareham residents	networkfareham ePanel networkfareham and Fareham Borough Council websites Fareham Today (Summer edition) Community Action Fareham Newsletter Members' Newsletter / Letter to all Members
Community and voluntary groups	Letter
Elected Members of Fareham Borough Council	Letter
Elected Members of Hampshire County Council representing Fareham	Letter
networkfareham's partner organisations (health, police, etc)	Letter
Fareham Equalities Forum	Meeting and presentation
Fareham Youth Council	Letter
Gosport Borough Council	Intranet
Fareham Borough Council employees	Chief Executive's Management Team

3. People were invited to read the full strategy and/or the executive summary and then complete a questionnaire.
4. A total of 652 responses were received comprising 551 ePanel members, 91 received through the website and 10 hand-written or e-mailed responses.
5. The responses were considered by the Board when it met on 8 September 2009 when it was agreed to:
 - a) organise the comments received into themes and forward them onto the relevant partnerships for action;
 - b) update the strategy document to include reference to the strategic development area; and
 - c) present the revised strategy document to the next meeting of the Board for final consideration and approval.
6. This briefing paper sets out the issues in priority order and groups the comments by theme for the thematic partnerships to consider against their respective action plans.

PRIORITY ISSUES

7. The respondents were invited to tick their top five priorities from a list of 22 issues. The table below ranks the responses in order of priority and expresses the number of responses as a percentage of the total responses received.

Rank	Top five priority issues	Replies	
		No.	%
1	Responding to community priorities in reducing anti-social behaviour	420	64%
2	Reducing traffic congestion	356	55%
3	Improving the life chances of children and young people	223	34%
4	Empowering people to have a greater voice in the provision of services	215	33%
5	Enabling older people to remain at home for as long as possible	200	31%
	Middle ranking issues		
6	Maintaining and enhancing our natural environment	196	30%
7	Providing more decent and affordable housing for local people	188	29%
8	Improving leisure and play opportunities	187	29%
9	Promoting independence and quality of life for older people	177	27%
10	Increasing physical activity across all age groups	157	24%
11	Promoting alternative means of getting to work	144	22%
12	Improving support for local businesses	125	19%
13	Improving skills and matching them to business needs	110	17%
14	Reducing criminal damage and arson	109	17%
15	Reducing domestic violence and alcohol related public violence	105	16%
16	Engaging with young people and groups of people who struggle to be heard	100	15%
17	Improving the overall sustainability of the Borough	96	15%
	Bottom five issues		
18	Reducing levels of obesity in children and adults	90	14%
19	Meeting the housing needs of vulnerable people	65	10%
20	Encouraging and supporting volunteering	61	9%
21	Reducing childhood obesity	56	9%
22	Mitigating the impact of climate change	48	7%

8. Responding to community priorities in reducing anti-social behaviour is the clear top priority with reducing traffic congestion the clear second top priority.

RESPONSES

9. The respondents were invited to say if anything important had been missed from the strategy or if they had any ideas for improving their local neighbourhood. A great many comments were about very specific issues/areas and the distinction between omissions and ideas for improvement did tend to get blurred. Consequently, the comments for each theme have been grouped into subject areas.

COMMENTS GROUPED BY THEME AND SUBJECT AREAS

[Overall comments](#)

[Children and young people](#)

[Community engagement](#)

[Community safety](#)

[Economic development](#)

[Environment and transport](#)

[Health and wellbeing](#)

[Housing](#)

OVERALL COMMENTS

Overall vision: To improve the quality of life for all current and future residents by preserving all that is good about Fareham, whilst increasing prosperity and making it an even more inclusive and attractive place to be.

Strategic Development Area

1. The Fareham Society is pleased to be able to respond to networkfareham's Executive Summary of the above document.

This is a group response and as your printed response form is not suitable for our purpose, it is hoped that our response format is acceptable and will be taken proper account of.¹

So much of what can be achieved will rely on resources available to the local authority over the next eleven years. A major omission from the document is the lack of inclusion of the proposed Strategic Development Area. Increasing the housing stock of the borough to the degree proposed in the South-East Plan, which represents about a quarter of the existing housing stock, will have a major impact on all aspects of the functioning of the borough.

It is the Society's continuing view that the proposed SDA is too large and because of its proposed location to the north of the M27 raises many questions over its sustainability.

The cumulative impact on the countryside and highway infrastructures of the SDA plus an enlarged West of Waterlooville and three thousand extra dwellings to the north of Whiteley will have major implications for the quality of life of residents of central southern Hampshire, in many ways Fareham will be at the hub of this.

¹ The response is set out in a letter that gives overall comments followed by comments for each of the themes.

As quoted "Fareham is already a pleasant place in which to live and work", (Councils over the years can take some credit for this) however one of the significant reasons for this is because it is a homogenous community with relatively few social problems. The future design and composition of the SDA will have to be carefully balanced to maintain this equilibrium.

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2. The one glaring omission from your consultation paper is not referring to the Strategic Development Area north of Fareham. All current sustainable policies will be "blown" out of the water with 28,000 new residents.

Timescale - planning cycles

3. The Sustainable Community Strategy document and Local Development Framework (LDF) are dependent on each other, with the LDF being the spatial expression of the elements within the community strategy relating to land use and development. For this purpose the LDF and Community Strategy would benefit from being within the same planning cycles and as such the Community Strategy should extend to 2026 if possible.

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Miscellaneous

4. I don't think anything has been missed because all the statements are very broad and not very specific.
5. I would have appreciated the opportunity to tick one box in each section each of which has an important bearing on how to improve the lives of people in Fareham.
6. This really isn't a good means of feedback. You need to break it down into the specific areas of interest and identify questions that you need specific feedback on? Of course there are areas that you have missed and need improvement; now you need to develop a proper questionnaire that elicits responses, or it is a very tokenistic survey.
7. I have but you won't want to hear them.
8. I don't think that you have missed any key issues.
9. No problems, however, a positive remark.
10. Cannot think of anything at the moment.
11. No.

12. Trust me, despite all the negatives I have expressed, I think Fareham has a lot going for it. But, I am a realist and I like to tell it how I see it. which you probably won't take any notice of! The more you are successful in gauging more opinion, the more I feel you will realise what people REALLY think of this town and your plans for it.
13. None that come to mind.
14. This is a good summary of issues and work underway. By the way - do edit the front page picture to remove the creek pollution at the bottom - not a very good impression of the Borough!
15. I think you have covered the main issues I can think of.
16. Some of your priorities are solutions to other priorities.
17. One of the problems in segmenting these issues is that you may miss root causes which affect multiple issues. For example, youth vandalism may be due to poor housing, lack of parental support, limited job opportunities and limited social activities. The report lists all these in appropriate sections but focusing on a few key areas could improve multiple identified problem areas.
18. Think the list was quite comprehensive but would have liked to highlight more than 5 priorities.
19. I was only allowed to tick 5 boxes but I do feel the vulnerable in our community must also be considered, including the elderly and the health of the young.
20. Process seems decided already, did I miss early consultation? On publications E-mail newsletters etc bad as well as good news would make them more believable.
21. On the contrary, you are providing too much information which causes the reader's eyes to glaze over, equally your questionnaire offers 22 equally laudable options - I only voted for the ones reference old people because I am one - others most likely respond in line with their own selfish reasons.
22. When state something is going to happen either do it or publicise reasons why not e.g. swimming pool in Locks Heath and "derelict" area in Locks Heath centre.
23. Many. Please identify separate questions that you want responses on, both positive and negative. This is not realistically a questionnaire!
24. It seems to be a little simplistic to reduce the strategy in this way. Many of the priorities are interlinked and an impact in one area will impact on others.

25. I like my neighbourhood the way it is - that's why I live here, and why I wouldn't like to see any significant change. So there.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Vision: A borough whose children and young people will continue to get a good start in life and are able to fulfil their potential in future years.

Rank	Priority issues	Replies	
		No.	%
3	Improving the life chances of children and young people	223	34%
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21	Reducing childhood obesity	56	9%

Overall

1. This aspect is always very demanding on resources.

The Society concurs with bullet point 3 under "where are we now"² – it is very important that infant school places should be adequate to serve their community and be sustainably located. School sites should be large enough to allow for future expansion and possibly community use.

This applies also to senior schools where although serving a larger community safe routes to school for cycling etcetera can be identified.

Although the educational attainment is generally above the national average there are still quite significant problems to be tackled as identified under "where are we now" bullet points 4³ and 5⁴.

All this will be achieved at a cost and the creation of the Strategic Development Area will put extra strain on existing resources, particularly if school provision for the SDA is slow in coming. Out commuting from the SDA will put pressure on local roads and other schools and is unsustainable.

The aspirations of the Local Authority should be to make up the shortfall of open space and play area provision where they are currently under provided. This under provision was clearly identified in the recent survey on the subject. This issue impinges on the vision of other sections of the document i.e. Environment and health and Wellbeing, housing etcetera. It is clearly one of the top priorities.

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² "The provision of school places needs to reflect more accurately the distribution of the population both now and in the future".

³ "A relatively high number of children have a special educational need and there is a relatively high number of children with disabilities".

⁴ "In further education, the colleges in Fareham and Gosport need to correct an imbalance of needs and demands in post 16 provision."

2. The top priorities will not be helped by Fareham failing to follow the government initiative to provide free swimming for young people.

Nursery facilities

3. Provision of encouragement / subsidy / nursery facilities to enable young single mothers to gain, at least, a part time return to employment and regain an element of independence.

Parenting

4. Parents should be encouraged to take responsibility for their children's actions, receiving "parent training" to help them in their parental role if needed.
5. We need discipline for children led by Government, schools, parents.
6. Discipline of children needs significantly improving which would solve very many problems in our society today.
7. Encourage responsible parenting.

Play areas

8. More toddler play areas to encourage outdoor play in a safe, age related environment.
9. I think more should be done for the children, they have removed all the play equipment I know it always wrecked. They now go around causing nuisance to residents, which is unfair especially the older residents.
10. Improve play areas for children many are run down with inadequate equipment.
11. FAREHAM SOUTH: provision of funds set aside for play areas.
12. Toddlers play area on the green space by Frosthole Crescent/Close. Or similar types of playground in other suitable areas in North Fareham.
13. More use should be made of available open areas in North Fareham (and elsewhere if it comes to that) for use by toddlers aged seven or under. There is a lack of playground space for this age group in particular.
14. Improvements to the Blackbrook Road recreation area for the kids. This is very popular but is also used by the local users and abusers. Broken beer bottles and dubious other artefacts are often strewn about.

15. But for older children/young people the village⁵ is less attractive, with a lack of good playing areas. The only football field is on the wrong side of the A27. This does deserve attention.
16. A play area/park in the area north of Highlands Road.
17. Local play park/equipment in the Down End area as at the moment the nearest play area/equipment is Bath Lane which means walking along A27 which can be hazardous for youngsters.
18. More play areas for all ages of children.
19. In my view in the area I live I feel the facilities available for young children are inadequate. In light of the fact that we are all trying to reduce obesity on our children more attention should be paid to the quality of play areas which are places where children can run around and keep active. No imagination is shown when constructing children's play parks. They are boring and are most probably designed by people who don't have kids! The one in Warsash is awful!!!! These areas are important to the local children and if they are well thought out and interesting for children people will use them! Eastleigh BC has obviously realised this. Their play areas are excellent and well used!
20. Better public areas in local communities e.g. play parks.
21. The Ranvilles area seems to lack a sense of community. A playground in this area would bring a focus to the younger community.

School curriculum

22. Making home economics compulsive in schools for both sexes.
23. Make all schools achieve the same standards and take the "choice" aspect out of the equation, as well as looking at skill requirements and not just academic.
24. Neville Lovatt and Henry Cort schools underperform compared with Crofton and Cams - can any help be given to bring them up to scratch?

School places

25. Addressing the lack of primary school places issues. Addressing the lack of Senior School places issues.
26. More school place for infants.

⁵ Titchfield.

27. Providing a new school in Whiteley is an urgent requirement with the amount of current and future building. Families will start leaving the area if their children cannot get into the local school.
28. We need more Schools on the West of the Town.
29. Fareham sixth form provision (far too many students have to travel to school).
30. There is a huge lack of available school places in Whiteley.
31. Provision of sufficient schools - in west of borough Brookfield School is HUGE and not necessarily a high achieving school not giving our children the best possible start and no choice for parents.
32. Formal sixth form education in the Borough.
33. Build another school.
34. Please provide another primary school in Whiteley or at least easier access to other schools in the area. Secondary schools are also lacking here with nothing within walking distance. As Whiteley is such a family friendly place to live, it seems surprising that there aren't the schools to cater for this.

Special needs

35. I think children with special needs but do not have a "statement of needs" are not getting the support necessary.
36. Access to a social worker and the expertise of social services for all families of children with special needs, thereby increasing support for such families in the form of respite or short break care.

Travel to school

37. The document highlights that the distances people have to travel to school is increasing, It makes no reference to the mode of travel of school children and the need to promote sustainable modes of travel to school.

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38. Encourage more children of school age to walk or cycle to and from school and discourage parents from using cars for this purpose. This type of exercise did no harm to people in my school years.
39. One way to reduce traffic congestion around my area is to encourage children to walk to school which will also give them much needed exercise.

40. Ban the parents from driving to Orchard Lea School. For the residents of this area it is an absolute nightmare and we have to plan our days around the school run so we can insure we are able to get to our properties and are able to park at our own homes. Kennedy Avenue, Green Walk, High Mead and Beaumont Rise should be Residents' Parking or parking by permit only. Not only do these parents just abandon their cars but the amount of damage they do to residents' cars where they try to squeeze in and dump their vehicle anywhere is way beyond a joke. Sadly people don't bother reporting the damage as much of it happens when we are indoors and can't see which driver has caused it.
41. The school run infuriates me and is totally unnecessary. The arguments of the silly mothers who dangerously abandon their cars in Greyshott Avenue are nothing more than a hypocritical copout. To suggest that they need to run their kids to school because it's dangerous outside the school is a complete farce. The only dangers created outside schools are the mothers themselves with their cars. The kids are then bundled off in these vehicles to be then put in front of a play station for the rest of the day this creates lazy obese children with no exercise and lack of social interaction. I feel really sorry for the few who do walk, as they have to dodge around these cars and cross roads where these cars are dangerously parked. Greyshott Avenue is a bus route with bends and hill brows, and should not be place for parking cars on the school run. I am fed up with trying to get to my house and having to endure waiting for these stupid mothers who just get in the way. Lately they have even been parking on both sides of Greyshott Avenue making it impassable for residents and the local bus service. They park dangerously on bends and on the brows of the hill and the bus stops creating even more of an issue. This also increases the pollution levels in some areas to go up as they queue to get in and out of Greyshott Avenue. If league tables were taken out of education and all schools were made the same then the need for travel to a school further away form where the child lives would be reduced. Bring back proper catchment areas where you go to your closest school, and start issuing parking tickets to dangerously parked vehicles linked to any school run.
42. School buses to decrease school run traffic. Ban peak time drop-offs and parking closer than 150 yards from a school.
43. In my immediate neighbourhood (road) problems are caused when large numbers of parents park and wait for children to come from school, it's an accident waiting to happen. I feel sure things could be somewhat improved if at the very least the first 25 metres on each side of road entrance was yellow lined, it would also help residents in road if main road was re lined so that a safe island was created to pull into when turning right from Birdwood Grove.

44. I would like to see initiatives that will discourage parents from driving their children to school, and thus prevent the congestion, and consequent danger to children, that one sees near schools and playgroups at arrival and departure times- the Sarisbury schools and the playgroup at the Parish Rooms in particular.
45. Having a junior and infant school at the top of our road⁶ is a nightmare and mothers/fathers should NOT be allowed to park (and I use that word loosely as most just abandon their cars) in any old road and should be encouraged to walk their children to school. Residents are nearly always unable to park due to the amount of non-resident cars parked and we actually have to time our days around the school runs so that when we return we can get to our designated parking area without having a mother/father blocking access. Many cars have been damaged by these parents trying to park in any old gap and it is a huge problem. Speed bumps leading up to the school would also help cut down on the amount of parents (and youngsters on mopeds in the evenings) using the road as some kind of race track. Highly dangerous and it is only a matter of time before someone gets seriously injured or killed.

Young people

46. Giving the young people of our area somewhere to go and congregate and feel safe.
47. You really need to address the cause of problems: Teenagers have nowhere to go and nothing to do in Whiteley (and I expect other places) Until this is fixed we will have issues e.g. antisocial behaviour.
48. More needs to be done to show young people that the council are interested in the good things that they are doing.
49. FAREHAM SOUTH: provision of community centre for the younger generation.
50. There should be more things for young people to do. A lot of young people hang around the skate park in the evenings at the Fareham leisure centre and just cause a menace. They leave broken glass and rubbish everywhere. People who have Children and dog owners are greatly affected.
51. Let us all know if there are detached youth workers that we could refer informal groups of young people to.
52. More useful and fun activities for older children and young people so they have something better to do than trying to get into pubs / hanging around parks.

⁶ Highlands Road.

53. Provide safe, high quality and interesting focal points in village/city centres for teenagers to visit in the evening to divert their energies into productive contributions to the local community.
54. Increase the number of opportunities and activities for children of secondary school age. Infant and Junior school ages are well catered for but we need to do something about the older children to keep them off the streets with less opportunity to get into trouble.
55. Local 'youth club' type groups for younger people needed.
56. More youth centres for young people.
57. Not enough activities for the younger generation.
58. There is a serious lack of leisure/social venues for young adults. Between the ages of 15-18 more should be done to encourage young people to get involved in community groups, provide indoor and outdoor leisure facilities. Youth clubs are a thing of the past and a more up to date meeting point for these young people is needed. Perhaps they could be involved in the setting up and running of these clubs, giving them a sense of worth, providing them with new skills etc. This in itself will help alleviate the anti social behaviour in certain areas of Fareham. My children are now 18 and 20 and are now able to go to local pubs and clubs but there were very little opportunities for them from the age of 15 until now. I would like to praise the local air cadet group which meets near the Holiday Inn Roundabout. This volunteer run group runs two days a week and also gives the young people a chance to go on residential trips and to learn skills such as flying and shooting. This has led to my daughter's decision to join the RAF. More groups like this providing similar opportunities could give a much better future to the youth of Fareham.
59. There should be more clubs and activities for teenage children to stop them hanging around the streets.
60. We need a place for youth and junior youth to go after school and during holidays. Centres which stay open and only offer healthy drinking and eating and no alcohol. Where they can do things they enjoy such as snooker, dancing and so on.
61. I would like to see the council provide a type of clubhouse for the children where I live. This may help to keep the younger ones away from the local drug scene, which some people say doesn't exist around here.
62. The local young people desperately need places to meet in the evenings and I think it would be a good idea for some of the naval establishments to open their doors and let the youngsters use their many facilities. The Admiralty own most of the land which restricts the public's use of the area. We need more inexpensive venues for youngsters!

63. Investment in local groups particularly for children and young people - if they are involved in sport and music they are not out causing trouble these groups need to be supported better facilities for these groups.
64. More youth centre/activities, especially affordable as it is in more deprived areas of Fareham where there is the least access to affordable activities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Vision: A borough whose residents are involved in the community and able to participate actively in its affairs.

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Overall

1. The Society agrees with the statement that there are many active voluntary groups within the borough. However it is becoming increasingly apparent that volunteers are harder to get nowadays and particularly from younger age groups. So often organisations flourish on the work of a dedicated small band of volunteers.

It is good to encourage volunteering, but volunteers should not be relied on too heavily in order to make up for gaps in statutory and community provision – it is a supplementary role.

It is an excellent way of getting to know your community and inculcating Civic Pride and in so many cases to make a difference to people's lives.

The local authority can do so much to facilitate the work of volunteers.

Leisure and social facilities – it would be more accurate to say that "most residents who replied to the surveys said that they were satisfied with leisure and social facilities". The majority of residents have not contributed to these views.

It is certainly disappointing that this is the case and leads on to the topic of disempowerment.

It is said that many people feel disempowered and unable to influence council decisions – this in an era where the public are consulted more than at any other time, both locally and nationally. There is a great deal of cynicism about consultation and there is a widely held view that it is generally a box ticking exercise a "going through the motions of consultation" with questions phrased to reach and support decisions already taken.

A frequently heard complaint is that "one is presented with a fait accompli" – residents would like to be consulted about major decisions at a much earlier stage. So often there is little evidence or reasons given for comments being rejected or not taken on board.

Consultation responses take time, energy and tenacity if the respondents wish to fully understand the issues that they are being consulted on.

If there is too much to study or the format is unhelpful, the average busy resident decides not to reply – this happened at some of the Local Development Framework consultations last year.

Presumably the Community Action Teams and their achievements will be monitored along with attendance numbers. Councillors holding regular surgeries could also be helpful.

The Fareham Society and local residents' groups have made a major contribution to developing a sense of community identity and civic pride.

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Communications

2. Improve communication with and support for local community groups. Improve communication with local residents via Borough Councillor surgeries, to enable residents to discuss current issues with elected members.

Community Action Teams

3. I would like to see projects which the CAT's could take on.
4. Let us know what is going on behind the scenes. Would like to say how good the CAT meetings are. It's a pity the younger folk [don't?]⁷ come to them.
5. Empowering people to have greater voice in the provision of services. Although this is one of your criteria, and although to some extent the CAT groups achieve this, they appear toothless and unable to influence, where the needs of business are perceived as being more important than local engagement. For example the consultation process around planning issues is largely cosmetic. In spite of objections via Planning and then CAT, a local development has gone ahead that is different from those plans submitted and on which views were sought. Are not the Council merely ticking the consultation box? This cannot be allowed to happen if we are to genuinely believe in our local democracy.

⁷ Missing word?

6. The CAT meetings are excellent but sadly too infrequent.

Community groups

7. There is nothing for people of over 55's and upwards to do. We would like an afternoon club where we could get together and socialise I have lots of friends in this category and we all feel the same so would have plenty of members. There is plenty for much older people and disabled with there lunch group and day care etc, even the over 60's club at Neville Lovett wont take you at 60 they expect you to be a volunteer. Believe you me I and my husband have been through all of the few things on offer and there is nothing it is for the much older age group in this area. I know of the paradise club which is meant to be for the over 50's at Portchester but the speakers there are more orientated for the 80's cause a lot of war, golden girls ww1 uniforms etc so a club for our age group would be great.
8. Allow access to community spaces and centres free for social inclusion groups. Let public use Council office facilities and Mayoral Chambers for meetings of volunteer groups and other inclusive groups. Promote 'Alzheimers Cafe' model and give small grants to support these.
9. Encouraging more participation from local residents on community issues.
10. A club for over 55's in the afternoon.
11. Encourage local residents groups that really have a say in what happens in local areas and a say in decision making.

Councillors

12. More checks on expenses of local Councillors - word should be necessary expenses, not large handouts of money which could be used for benefit of borough.
13. In light of the recent debacle regarding MPs expenses, look at ways of allowing easier access to & greater transparency of Council costs. Strive for cost-cutting where appropriate, without diminishing existing services.
14. Self serving councillors need to recognise that they must sometimes deliver bad news to those who elect them if we are to have the society we would all wish for.

Faith groups

15. Working more closely with faith groups and special interest groups such as Fairtrade and Friends of the Earth. All these groups, and many more, have a significant resource of people with energy and commitment to making a difference locally.

Social cohesion

16. Respect for other people and the development of social cohesion, i.e. people talking to each other; a reduction in the 'busy' syndrome; trying to reverse the me me me syndrome and start thinking about community and social group interaction.
17. Put more emphasis on getting people involved and taking responsibility for sustainability with access to Subject Matter experts - could a neighbourhood/street club together and find right methodology for generating its own electricity for example - solar panels on one strip for 10 houses rather than 1 house bearing cost for just its own / 1 windmill type idea.
18. Encouraging people to take a more responsible role in the community, to take a pride in their town or local area e.g. with regard to litter or to take part in local projects which would in the end be an advantage to them.
19. Do you actively encourage local community groups, like the Wallington Village Association, and the group activities, like the village fete & music on the meadow? I'm sure that these promote a feeling of local belonging and community spirit.
20. Organising activities involving whole communities, e.g. community allotments, group litter picks, green gyms etc.
21. Ensuring that community spirit is instilled in all residents from an early age by the provision of amenities such as schools and community activities within the community areas.
22. Promoting social inclusion for people with mental health problems.
23. Social inclusion of BME groups particularly east European people who work in the borough.
24. Also it feel there is no pride in where we live by people and when residents ask for help from the council to make where they live better and safer there is too much red tape and no help. Fareham is a good place to live but needs some tweaking to be more of a community in these hard times.

25. Engage and encourage residents to take responsibility for their surroundings and to take positive action for themselves e.g. residents in Holly Grove, Fareham, have begun discussions and plan to organise themselves to restore and maintain the overgrown pond in the road.
26. Increased community spirit and opportunity to encourage friendly neighbourhoods who support each other.
27. Developing an understanding of respect for all in a neighbourhood including those who don't have a voice such as children but who do have a right to play.
28. Everyone needs to be told they can make a difference and it's not up to someone else to improve their neighbourhood. Promote volunteering and get the community involved. People moan and complain too easily but when it comes to doing something about it they hide behind pathetic excuses and don't want to get involved. Time to re-educate people to re-think their priorities. Leaflet drop/points of contact for clubs/groups/associations etc etc.

Volunteering

29. More encouragement and publicity about voluntary activities to improve local amenities e.g. volunteers could improve the path joining Breton Close and the red path system which is a quagmire when it rains and is used by train commuters going to Swanwick station and school children going to and from school. It would only take a group of volunteers less than a day to clear the path of mud and relay with a harder more durable surface such as screed. This is only one example.
30. It would be good to see some community schemes such as clearing areas of shoreline (where possible) of washed up debris, cleaning up play areas and outdoor spaces, to promote the areas we have in Fareham. This hopefully would encourage the community not just have to a stronger bond with their local areas but to visit them more often and monitor the upkeep of them. How about a Pride of Fareham Day where many schemes throughout the area could be co-ordinated to bring people together to take pride in their local areas.
31. Create a volunteer's network, non political, which exists at a level below the local councillors and which can feed back through the council the ideas of the community.
32. Advertising volunteering options to clean up streets / mow lawns / dig out streams and ditches under guidance of a qualified professional.

Website

33. Improve communications to residents via the Borough Website. For example we are kept in the dark about recent developments with the Town Centre shopping precinct and the plans to develop the area north of the M27. This sort of information should be updated at least monthly even if there is no change.
34. Somehow, perhaps on the web-site, promote community days in line with Red Nose or other well known events to encourage those out of work or alone to be more active not only for a charity but for the community....it must be seen as fun though.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Vision: A borough whose residents feel it remains a safe place in which to live, work and visit.

Rank	Priority issues	Replies	
		No.	%
1	Responding to community priorities in reducing anti-social behaviour	420	64%
14	Reducing criminal damage and arson	109	17%
15	Reducing domestic violence and alcohol related public violence	105	16%

Overall

1. Again, another area requiring quite significant resources, but on the whole the sentiments identified in this section are agreed with.
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Anti-social behaviour

2. Community Safety seems to me to represent the biggest area for attention, vandalism, arson, and petty juvenile crime appear to be high on my list of priorities. We frequently read of mindless acts of violence and vandalism, particularly in the Town Centre and inevitably where alcohol is concerned.
3. Although alluding to it in points about anti-social behaviour, if you asked residents whether there should be a greater police presence, I think the answer would be a strong "yes". Perception of safety is of increasing concern to a lot of people both young and older.
4. Teenagers still seem to think they can roam in gangs, especially in Salterns beach area and Stubbington Recreation Ground, and leave their mess behind. Cans, bottles and takeaway food wrapping, even when adequate bins are provided. A no nonsense, compulsory, education seminar is essential in schools to advise clear up costs paid by their parents (via council tax) and the dangers caused by their litter, e.g. rats and other vermin as well as to humans, cuts etc.
5. Anti-social behaviour by parking cars on footpaths and green verges, blocking pedestrian use of the footpaths.
6. Consider banning eating and drinking on buses. This was very successful in my previous home.
7. Eliminate the gatherings of youths in Stubbington village in the evenings/nights. This seems to have worsened again, with the intimidation of motorists, by kicking footballs at cars as they pass in front of Budgens, when leaving the village. Also the riding of bicycles on pavements is on the increase.

8. Clearance as standard for residents who stock pile untaxed cars on their properties - recovery of cost should be standard.
9. Addressing anti social behaviour.
10. Skelly woods has signs saying No Cycling and No Digging. It would be nice if this could be adhered too as every time I and my neighbours go to wander through with our dogs (and children) there are teenagers on bikes all over the place with no regard for the safety of anyone that may be walking through ... numerous holes have been dug recently and they often light fires down there.
11. Stop anti social behaviour amongst young adults.
12. Blitz graffiti. Offenders hopefully won't do it again if the sprayings are removed promptly. Introduce systems for swift graffiti removal on privately-owned premises.
13. Work more assertively to engage with youth to reduce anti-social behaviour.
14. Encouraging the young school leavers from congregating under the trees in the park (in the area near the shops) and drinking. They smash bottles and become loud and abusive. The antisocial behaviour is both unpleasant and the broken glass dangerous to children and animals.
15. Stop youths congregating in groups as this can be very intimidating for others.
16. I am fed up with all the graffiti there is around my neighbourhood. The council did have a purge to clean it up but it only comes back again.

Cold calling

17. Also, our road,⁸ being long and front doors easily accessible, is targeted by door to door salesman, charity workers, religious callers - the lot! Day after day after day. What can we do to stop this?

Community service

18. Making use of the community service enforcement for minor offenders to help under supervision to clean up our Shoreline from Warsash to Portsmouth and to help clear up any rubbish from our streets. This would bring it home to many how our environment is being degraded and may help the future generation!

⁸ Laburnum Road.

19. Use visible means of identifying persons working on community service as a punishment, perhaps poll to see how local people would prefer their time serving to be used.
20. People doing community service should be picking up litter.
21. Use the great human resource of unemployed alongside convicted criminals to pick up the litter, remove graffiti and make our district a more beautiful place.
22. Using money confiscated through arrests to be ploughed back into community projects for young people and the vulnerable. More community events.

Drugs and alcohol

23. Hit drug dealers hard as they are ultimately responsible for most crime.
24. The rise of heroin users in Fareham, please observe the precinct any late afternoon and watch them being escorted in and out of chemists by security men for their methadone.
25. Curtail 'all day' drinking, particularly at night!!
26. Stop people from drinking alcohol outside shops and in other public areas.
27. Stop The Convenience Store in Linden Lea Portchester selling alcohol to under 18's. I am fed up with the rubbish and empty bottles being dumped in my garden.....
28. I would like to see an alcohol free zone for the whole of Whiteley, and more police on the beat.

Neighbourhood Watch

29. More encouragement for Neighbourhood Watches - neighbours being encouraged to work together and get to know each other. Opportunities to meet neighbours have diminished over the last couple of decades.
30. I think neighbourhoods should be helped and encouraged to pull together to combat crime and antisocial behaviour. If more people used Neighbourhood Watch it would be a start.
31. Increasing "Neighbourhood Watch" schemes to cover looking after the local environment, reducing litter, taking proper care of plants and trees (as opposed to mechanical mutilation) and encouraging people's pride in where they live.

32. Neighbourhood Watch is expensive to set up is there a way that this can be reduced??
33. Introduce a Neighbourhood Watch.
34. Consider starting a "Know your neighbour" Scheme and pushing the "Neighbourhood Watch Schemes" once more in the Borough. I have been appalled by how little knowledge seems to exist between families who have lived within a few metres of each other for decades. I think it is just an initial shyness when people move into an area which prevents contact and this then seems to develop into a permanent barrier to further contact. It might be possible for people to communicate via the Internet, a sort of Neighbourhood Facebook or Twitter, to break the ice without becoming too intrusive of personal privacy.

Policing

35. I think there should be more police patrolling the streets. I have lived here for 6 years and are yet to see my community police. Do we have one?
36. Working with police to have a more visible police presence.
37. With regards to residents feeling safe we need a higher visibility of community policing. I was pleased to see a lone officer on foot patrol whilst walking into Fareham town centre yesterday, however, most feel safe on a Saturday during the height of the day; it's the quiet hours and those when youths under the influence where we need them most.
38. More police on foot patrol needed when pubs close in areas subject to vandalism e.g. Lower Swanwick (car mirrors etc) inc. walls pulled down.
39. I am not sure how much responsibility the council has for policing, but I would like to see a more visible and friendly presence of police officers on our streets. They are only seen fleetingly, passing by in cars, and the local police station is not open often enough.
40. Police response to anti social behaviour. Takes too long, if they turn up at all.
41. Bring back more visible police presence.
42. Not sure if I should put this here, but I just want to say it is nice to see community police around.
43. More Policemen on the beat.
44. I live in Portchester and like the precinct. However it is not safe late and the police or community police are not evident, only after an incident.

45. More police on the streets: I have never seen one in our area of Warsash.
46. Policing the Argos/Mfi superstore car parks at that are regularly used at night by cars performing wheelies etc.
47. More police presence in Locks Heath Shopping Centre in the evenings.
48. Increased PC/PCSO presence in shopping centres apart from Fareham town centre, to reduce incidence of crime and the perception of crime.
49. More obvious police presence especially on foot or bicycles. We get a lot of damage done to fences and walls mostly at weekends.
50. The presence of more Police Officers visual on the streets.
51. I'd like to see less CCTV and more police officers patrolling the area. Police presence can help PREVENT crime, whereas cameras can only capture a crime while it's happening or after the damage is done.
52. More Police/PCO's patrolling streets to reduce minor crime, which would make a better environment to live in.
53. Regular police beating to keep an over view of the younger population at pub closing time would be good.
54. More effective policing.
55. More Police/Community Officers on patrol, to reduce anti social behaviour.
56. Greater Police presence to ensure anti social behaviour is curbed and speeding cars.
57. We need more police officers on the streets walking or riding a bike bring back the beat copper and not have them stuck in a car waiting for the high speed chase Our police are the best in the world but they will be out of touch with the community if they are not seen around on foot On Wednesday my neighbour and I were walking to our local pub for a couple of pints we came across a group of youths having the pleasure of destroying the bus stop canopy we both called out to them to stop they ran off shouting abuse and gesturing signs.
58. Our local police are fantastic - but we need more of them.
59. More police on foot near crime spots and vandalised cars.

60. I can't remember the last time I saw any police on foot patrol around the area-having said that I work all day and may be they do cover the area during working hours-often see a police speed officer catching motorists on Kiln Rd though.
61. I would still like to see a more visible police presence, not sitting in car but on the beat as they used to be when I was a child in the town and you could find one somewhere in the town.
62. More visible litter and PSCO officers.
63. A more visible police/pcso presence in local areas.
64. More police walking around local area to deter anti social behaviour and under age drinking, also to be more approachable for local residents to raise their concerns if any.

Surveillance

65. Surveillance-alleged abuse of anti-terrorist laws by council officials. This method should only be authorised at the very highest level within the council and directly related to terrorism.
66. I am concerned over reports that the Council is using excessive measures to survey the public, and that these methods have little, if anything, to do with the threat of terrorism for which they were originally intended.
67. Eliminate any intrusive community CCTV or other devices that are designed to monitor the homes, bins and activities of long standing law abiding borough citizens.
68. Council employees working and maintaining the borough could be an effective aid or eyes and ears for the police and feedback to the council to identify problems i.e. roads, pavements with a rapid response force

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Vision: A borough with a sustainable local economy where people are more skilled, wealth generating businesses are encouraged to locate and benefits accrue to the community at large.

Rank	Priority issues	Replies	
		No.	%
11	Promoting alternative means of getting to work	144	22%
12	Improving support for local businesses	125	19%
13	Improving skills and matching them to business needs	110	17%

Overall

1. A sensible vision. Fareham has been a commuter town for many years and this is likely to be the situation for the foreseeable future.

The economic situation is hugely influenced by transport issues. Businesses will be deterred from locating in the Fareham area if travel to work times and conditions are too adverse. The M27 is operating over capacity in peak hours and local roads in many parts of the borough are in the same situation.

Major companies have to be backed with a diverse housing stock to cater for all employees. These companies and establishments employ: higher earners attract quite a high degree of commuters to other areas in Hampshire and even adjacent countries – not a sustainable situation.

Future housing stock requirements in Fareham will have to cater for employees of companies in High Tech industries, as this is what is identified in the South-East Plan for this area. There is little reference in the housing section for the future of this area of the market.

Again the Strategic Development Area will have to be very carefully planned, because a cramped environment will not be appealing to many in the business community. Again it is all about balance, and an efficient highway access.

Bullet point 4 under "where do we want to be" should have additional wording at the end "and linking skills to education".⁹

In this economic section there is only a passing reference to retail facilities. One of the priorities should be to improve retail shopping opportunities.

⁹ Bullet point 4: "involve businesses in identifying skills shortages".

The Society is aware that the Council are doing their best to encourage known high street names to join those already here i.e. Marks & Spencer, Boots etcetera. However overall there is a somewhat unbalanced range of shops and a lack of quality in Fareham Town Centre.

A shop front policy within the Local Development Framework could possibly contribute to upgrading the appearance of some of the shops in West Street. A significant number of residents leave the borough to shop in Chichester, Winchester etc. attracted by the more specialist shops.

Parking is a constant topic of conversation with Fareham residents – the cost of parking and ease of parking.

Free parking at district centres is popular with local residents.

The economic development section should have a more adequate coverage of retail and associated issues.

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Business

2. There needs to be a hold of future development, i.e. the consent for a business park in Hook village.
3. Providing some form of help for local businesses (particularly independent companies) maybe in the form of reduced rents in order to keep the shopping centres looking better and more viable, also some sort of concession on the parking charges.
4. Addressing traffic issues. Fill some of the vacant office buildings around before building any more 4 lanes on the M27 all the way along.
5. Making the environment desirable for new business to move into the area.
6. You itemise the issue of raising the support for local businesses. Try talking to the small local business man who wishes to develop his company. The costs (which may be part of central Government's requirement??) just for the planning stages are horrendously high and simply do not encourage future development. Reduce these rates.
7. No more business parks as we are overloaded with them in Whiteley, and the proper infrastructure to cope, and no more taking away woodland to build such parks.
8. Whiteley Village needs a WH Smiths, and fewer women's clothes shops to become a real village.

9. More markets and special events in local areas.
10. Local shops to combine together to promote their businesses to residents so as to challenge the larger supermarkets e.g. by offering discounts.
11. Encourage more business into the village¹⁰ - the jeweller has now closed, there is only one supermarket in the precinct etc.
12. Can we have our post office back please in Arundel Drive as many on the Uplands Estate do not drive and find it difficult to get to Holly stores. Especially with parcels.
13. We are dominated by 2 food stores, we should have more competition e.g. Lidl's, Morrisons etc in the village vicinity.

Debt and money advice

14. I see no mention of the problems of debt and the need for money advice.
15. Anything that can be done to support the Hampshire Credit Union Ltd. on its services arrival in Fareham the better - wellbeing does begin in the pocket /purse!

Employment

16. I would like to see more opportunities for apprentice training for young people. Connexions didn't help my son at all in finding a suitable career.
17. In place of more houses provide more work places in the Borough which should also help reduce traffic and enable more people to cycle/walk to work.
18. With the current economic climate there is a need to find work for young people, our lad, aged 19 has not had "proper" employment since leaving college. His time at Fareham College proved to be wasted as the college is not targeted to getting employment, only in teaching relatively unemployable skills to an unemployable level. The current approach within Fareham to helping unemployed people is badly set up, with poorly trained/skilled personnel, an extremely poor attitude and this gives little hope to those seeking work. This I feel is an area of high importance.
19. Work toward improving the ratio of people employed in manufacturing as opposed to service. Positive support for encouraging manufacturing businesses, (which will also reduce the numbers of commuters out-of - area each day). To provide sustainable well paid work within a value added sector.

¹⁰ Whiteley.

Town centre

20. Out of town shopping will definitely take over while parking is so expensive and there are so many empty shops or just mobile phone shops!!
21. Helping Fareham Town centre - it is declining into a useless shopping area with very poor shop selections. I suspect ridiculous car parking charges and extortionate retail rent is to blame.
22. If the council didn't charge so much rent for retail space in the shopping centre then maybe we would have a more varied shopping experience by encouraging local enterprise and speciality retail. Fareham is good however if you want to buy a mobile phone!! Also I feel more could be done to enhance the West Street shopping thoroughfare. More trees and the removal of those hideous iron monstrosities that must have cost a small fortune. They are truly an eye sore. To the rear of the shopping area by Ferneham Hall is really beautiful.
23. The type of shops that are available, which ones we prefer!
24. Improve/promote Fareham shopping Centre as an alternative to Portsmouth and Southampton.
25. I welcome Cllr Woodward's initiative in promoting talks between Debenhams and the Market Quay developers. This must succeed.
26. Strategy for use of empty shops, attracting new businesses or imaginative use of empty units. Trying to resurrect Debenham's Desire.
27. It is noticeable that there are more than a few VACANT business premises in the towns shopping are. This does not attract shoppers. Individual shops, not a plethora of multiples give a town its attraction. High and excessive rents keep the "small man" away.
28. Encouraging more businesses to come to the area, I am concerned that choice in Fareham shopping is gradually shrinking and we are losing many of our shops and stores.
29. I should love some upmarket shops and cafes in Fareham; at the moment I either go to Chichester or Hedg End to shop for clothes etc. There is not a great deal to tempt me to go into Fareham Town. When I do go in, I like to walk.
30. I think the shopping centre is very dated. The number of good shops is unacceptable. The price of parking is dearer than parking at West Quay Southampton where the shops are far more better and varied. I would not come to Fareham any more to do my shopping I would rather travel the extra miles for more decent shopping facilities. The parking charge is unacceptable.

31. The Christmas lights should either be improved generally or not bothered with at all. They do nothing to improve the Borough's image.
32. The look and feel of the town centre is important to attract visitors and money - new businesses won't risk opening if the rents are hefty and turnover is poor. Have you thought about a 'greener' town centre, reduce some of the concrete & replace with fountains, grass & flowers to make it somewhere people want to visit?
33. I rarely shop in Central Fareham because it is dirty and looks uncared for; this needs tackling so that local businesses survive and prosper.
34. Bring more shops and restaurants into the centre, this will create jobs and give people a reason to visit Fareham. At the moment it's mainly banks, charity shops and opticians. Frankly I'm so disappointed about Debenhams that would have been such a boost to the town. What's happening about that by the way?
35. Preventing shopping centres from becoming simply charity shops by looking into rents charged and maybe giving a subsidy to encourage local business people to open up e.g. Portchester precinct.
36. You highlight that people like the shopping centre but I think you are behind the times.....Please do something to stop Fareham Shopping Centre deteriorating in current economic climate particularly now work on Debenhams has stopped people will have no reason to come into Fareham with loads of empty shops. If it looks run down, other crime will start....then it's a whole different problem. Be inventive...use the shops for other things whilst they are empty - local artists, anything!!
37. Are there ways of using vacant premises such as Woolworths for community use? Markets, small businesses, artistic endeavours etc?
38. Town Centre Green Space on old iron works site as traffic issues seem to blight it.
39. You talk about how pleasant the Town is and overall I must say there are much worse places to live. The High Street, despite a few carbuncles, is an attractive reminder of our heritage. However West Street is a very different kettle of fish. It is time to admit that the makeover of some 15 years ago was not a success. In trying to create something of our "Henry Cort heritage" all we succeeded in achieving was an expensive collection of third rate and mostly Russian built sculptures which are unimaginative and totally uninspiring. Let's call it a day remove them and at least put in attractive flower beds until we can think of something better. We have an excellent Parks and Gardens service who could easily enhance our main thoroughfare.
40. Try to change the times on the clock outside Wilkinson's in West Street as necessary.

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Vision: To maintain and enhance the quality of the natural and built environments and biodiversity of the borough, understand the 'carbon footprint' of the borough and plan for the potential local impacts of climate change and to work towards the delivery of a more sustainable transport infrastructure.

Rank	Priority issues	Replies	
		No.	%
2	Reducing traffic congestion	356	55%
6	Maintaining and enhancing our natural environment	196	30%
17	Improving the overall sustainability of the Borough	96	15%
22	Mitigating the impact of climate change	48	7%

Overall

1. Some of the environmental issues overlap with other sections, - Car use, public transport, traffic congestion could almost have a section of its own.

However quality of life in the borough is hugely influenced by traffic issues as well as by the protection of the green environment.

Open spaces, parks, the appearance of streets, places to walk in an attractive environment away from noise and car pollution are very important to residents. The natural landscapes are mentioned, but do not include rivers and the extensive coastline of the borough. Their open nature and undeveloped settings should be well protected, because they are two of the borough's major resources along with the rural hinterland, which is under the greatest threat.

The Society is in touch with residents from all walks of life and differing age groups from all areas of the borough and this aspect of life is important to them. It is also a significant contributory factor for Fareham being adjudged "a pleasant place to live and work".

An integrated public transport system is an agreed priority, but it must be affordable and efficient or people will not get out of their cars.

The Borough will lose hundreds of acres of countryside to the Strategic Development Area and the strategic and local gaps will be under pressure all the time and will inevitably diminish over the years, due to weakened protection.

It will be virtually impossible to meet all the needs of the Borough identified in this document because its land supply is finite and major population increases will put pressure on land and resources.

The enhancement and maintenance of the natural environment is a top priority, but other pressures are mitigating against this. Large areas of open space are required to protect wild life and other natural features, this to protect them from the effect of large residential populations and new infrastructure pressures – new roads etcetera.

Serious resource implications are associated with all these aims. What chance is there of adequate funding in the next eleven years, when there are so many competing interests?

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2. The link between transport and economic development is correctly highlighted, however the link between transport and other services such as health facilities, leisure and educational facilities should not be underestimated. The social exclusion agenda / access to services is only touched upon lightly within the document.

Hampshire Highways South

3. The Environment and Transport vision highlights working towards the delivery of a more sustainable system. This vision requires a link to the potential significant future development in the area and the traffic likely to be generated, enabling the theme to link with the LDF where the mitigation measures would be expressed.

Hampshire Highways South

4. Fareham is a fine place to live because it strikes the correct balance between urbanisation, industrial development, and parks and open spaces.

Air quality

5. The reference to air quality in para 5. should be more specific.¹¹ Poor air quality is not a district wide issue and is confined to two locations within Fareham.

Hampshire Highways South

6. Traffic light phasing requires attention. Vehicles stopping too frequently and stationary too long hence unnecessary increase in exhaust emissions affecting air quality.

Allotments

7. There is a need for more allotments look around the area and you will find lots of ground over grown that could be of use.
8. I am interested to know what the waiting time is for allotments in Fareham - if there is a waiting list could more land be made available?

¹¹ "High traffic flows contribute to poor air quality".

Clean and tidy

9. I think an enormous amount could be done cheaply by ensuring that the environment is kept tidy and encouraging householders and, particularly in the town centre, businesses to keep their property and frontage clean and tidy. (e.g. if the windows of the court building were cleaned, it would help at virtually no cost to the rest of us - except for someone to tell them to clean up!)
10. Road and street cleaning needs to be carried out more often.
11. Street cleaning and care around public buildings.
12. Is cleanliness of Fareham explicitly stated or buried in the sustainability area.
13. Develop a schools award for local environmental 'clean-up' projects.
14. Also the return of street cleansing in the Leith Avenue area - this has become almost non-existent in the past couple of years. My perception is that the area is rather neglected by FBC as it is on the very edge of the Borough.
15. The gutters are full of weeds & need to be cleaned more often [the Crossway].
16. Regular inspections of trees/hedgerows/footpaths.
17. Increase number of hanging baskets, beds and flora.
18. Reduce fly tipping.
19. Bring back the street sweeper.
20. More roadside litter picking, cleaning and appropriate replacement of road signs, together with appropriate cutting back of public open space trees and shrubs.
21. Ensure bushes/hedgerows are cut back next to pavements.
22. Superstores to ensure their rubbish doesn't fly away as not securely put in skips.
23. More work should be done to remove weeds etc from the pavements/gutters to improve the appearance of the area.
24. More active enforcement of issues such as dog fouling, parking on grass verges, unsafe parking close to junctions all of which are common in the Hillson Drive area.

25. A number of roads in Fareham have gardens that are not particularly attractive. My own road is one such. Perhaps some sort of initiative could be started to encourage home owners and tenants alike to 'tidy up' the front of house.
26. Encourage young people in the borough to join teams working to clean up the local environment by rewarding them with discount vouchers that could be used on local transport, leisure centres etc.
27. Maintaining safer pedestrian pathways by clearing overgrown vegetation. In this area paths can become narrow and slippery with leaves etc when wet, and brambles and other vegetation spreads across at face level.
28. Cut the grass on the field behind our houses - not been done for 2 years now.
29. Plant more trees and hardy shrubs in smaller open green areas, this deters anti social behaviour on highway verges.

Climate change

30. The Strategy covers 2009 - 2020 and five or ten years could be coping with the aftermath of the recession /depression. Couple this with the fact that the period will be crucial in terms of doing something about climate change so it is important NOT just to do more of the same /steady as she goes. What is needed is radical change to help people: - adapt to a lower carbon lifestyle - cope with crippling debt - maybe even feed themselves /keep warm as food and fuel rise in price across the globe Go and see what the Council is doing in Woking to reduce carbon and save money. The change of attitude was all that was needed.
31. Climate Change adaptation.

Conservation

32. The High Street is a conservation area and needs to be preserved to give the Borough a unique identity.
33. Preventing the loss of our green spaces - Wicor, Cams Bay etc.
34. The beach in Hill Head.
35. We need to keep the green belt areas open for public use e.g. Cams Bay/Fareham Creek so children can let off steam and dog walkers can walk without annoying residents.

36. The Fareham Local Biodiversity Action Plan was reviewed in 2008 and the figures for SINCs¹² should be amended to 92. Conservation Areas are a historic and landscape planning designation therefore the order in paragraph 3 on page 16¹³ should be amended so that all the biodiversity designations are mentioned before conservation areas.
37. The car park in the Locks Heath Centre (where the KFC restaurant was going to be built) could be made into a quiet, green area.
38. Have a well advertised 'plant a daffodil for someone' day along grass verges. They will then create an area of hope and renewal as well as a very pretty sight in the Spring. The area by the Longfield Ave/Rowan Way/Mays Lane/Peak Lane roundabout is a superb example.
39. Possibly think about a view panel of what visitors can see from Cams Creek across to Portsmouth - Spinnaker tower, dockyard etc by benches looking out to harbour entrance. Put up contact numbers if volunteers wish to be involved in helping keep conservation areas tidy.
40. I'm very lucky to live in a very pleasant part of the borough. I have Funtley Meadow adjacent to my home. There have been some species surveys conducted and I would be interested to know the results if they are published on any public website.
41. I have always thought that Fareham town has never made proper use of its waterside location. It is a shame that the creek is surrounded by roads, housing and industry with only a little recreation ground (woefully accessible) and an exclusive golf course. I am born and bred in Fareham so I dread to think what an outsider would make of it. There are plenty of good examples around of how the waterside can be put to good use around the country. Even inland cities such as Birmingham and Nottingham have made use of their canals and basins. Then look at Poole and even Edinburgh!!! What a waste!!
42. There needs to be a sensible policy on trees - they can not just be left until they become a problem - they should all be part of an ongoing strategy of maintenance.
43. Re the grass verge bank which runs from the bridge in Redlands Lane back towards, opposite the entrance to Cams Alders Fields - rather than cutting this, why not sow wild meadow flowers to attract insects to the area. Just trim the edge next to the path and the road, let the rest look after itself.
44. More tree planting along pavement on other side of main road facing onto creek.

¹² Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation.

¹³ See the Full Strategy document.

45. Make the most of the coastline - keep it looking beautiful! I could go on...
46. No quarrying as was suggested around the Abshot area of Titchfield Common.
47. A tree planting strategy needed I think - not sure if I missed it. Anyway www.communities.gov/planning and building can explain.
48. I'm very lucky to live in a lovely area, having Funtley Meadow next to my home, which Fareham BC are taking care of with species studies etc. I would be interested to know the results of the surveys if there is a website they are published on.

Cycling

49. A greater emphasis on cycling and providing more/improved cycle paths (permitting cycling on paths). Ensuring that roads can be crossed safely either on foot or on cycle – top of Peak Lane and A27 is a nightmare. There are no cycle paths/lanes from my address into centre of Fareham via A27 – this does not encourage cycling to the railway station for example.
50. Increased opportunities for bicycle use - bicycle tracks and sharing schemes.
51. If the roads were repaired where necessary it would be safer for cyclists, I have encountered bad potholes and have badly jarred my neck in the past the highways department will eventually get tired of my calls! Everyone complains but few do anything about it.
52. Increase cycle paths around the borough, this will encourage more cyclists on the road, people out of their cars, reduce congestion. Offer visibility jackets/items are reduced price for example.
53. Cycle tracks will reduce traffic congestion, increase general fitness and reduce obesity, and make Fareham a more attractive place to live. Examples of money ill-spent on improving little used footpaths and unnecessary resurfacing of roads are everywhere! The borough has missed the boat on cycle tracks and lags behind more forward thinking areas.
54. Is it possible to provide more "red" cycle lanes in the borough. Kiln Road in particular is a very long straight road. I cycle along this road to work in Gosport during the summer months. It would improve safety for the cyclists and may encourage more people, thus improving fitness and also reducing the volume of cars.
55. I, like many other people of my age, would like to ride my bike more often not only for pleasure; but also to travel to and from work without having to take my life in my hands every time I take to the road. I have

just returned from a short break in Munich, a city which offers a very safe cycling system for its people.

56. Think that the use of more cycle ways/bus routes in the Segensworth / Whiteley area as well as to/from Gosport should be considered as alternatives to the car.
57. Provision of effective cycle lanes. For example the cycle lane provided at the side of the bus station and in front of the cinema is ignored by pedestrians and is really dangerous for the cyclist.
58. Bicycle corridors! Or you should instruct the police to encourage cycling on the pavements when there are no pedestrians on them. That way we can avoid losing more cyclists in traffic accidents. And if the bus corridor fails, turn the old train line into a cycling lane.
59. The cycle ways programme appears to have come to a halt.
60. Cycle Lanes on Newgate Lane.
61. Adding more "red" cycle lanes along the existing roads as there are along the Gosport/Fareham road would encourage more people to cycle and encourage fitness. Kiln Road is one in particular that I personally use to cycle along to work during the summer months and as it is a long straight road perhaps it would be suitable for this.
62. More cycle lanes especially for Newgate Lane.
63. Provide cycle routes free of parked cars.
64. Pavements to get out of Whiteley to encourage walking and cycling. Open up Yew Tree Drive and Rookery Avenue now.
65. Increase the focus on pedestrians and cyclists - decrease the focus on motor vehicles.
66. Encourage children to ride their cycles properly lit at night!
67. Cycle tracks required!
68. People mainly school children riding cycles on the pavements. I feel this is very hazardous for both cyclist and pedestrians, having witnessed several close incidents, also the speed that some of these cyclists travel.
69. Be more cyclist aware - other than main roads the state of the roads are dangerous for cyclists. Too many road and building works use cycle lanes for placing signs - very dangerous.
70. Stop people cycling on pavements.

71. Fareham needs a cycle path/way for the A27. People are conscious of needing more exercise and reducing traffic congestion. This would help health and make the borough greener. Action needed.
72. Proper cycle tracks would have an effect on all the items I have just identified! Fareham continues to miss the opportunity to improve this area of development.
73. How about creating a place where teenagers can ride their bikes off road? The woods between us and the motorway have been used for this, and surely there can be a section partitioned off so that dog walkers and the bike people can be separate, but both use the facilities? I'm a dog walker and when I've come across a group of lads with a motorbike, they've invariably be helpful, polite, kept clear of the dog and me and been no trouble at all. There's enough land there to be able to provide a book bike track without upsetting the dog walkers.
74. Cycle paths which are not shared with cars, parked or moving.
75. A more comprehensive and coherent network for cyclists throughout the area.
76. Give a cycle voucher to kids, publish green space cycle track map of borough and let bikes use more footpaths legitimately.
77. Legitimise the cycle route into town from A32 to town centre from the underpass, under the archway and across the dual carriageways which is extensively used already as a safe route into town. The Bath Lane route is good but only if needing the east of the town.

Dogs

78. More dog bins required.
79. Making dog owners responsible for their dogs: not letting them run loose and clearing up after them- providing more dog waste bins.
80. The provision of dog waste bins would hopefully reduce the amount of dog waste on the footpaths & verges in and around the Leith Avenue area.
81. Make sure that dog owners are accountable for their dogs fouling the footpaths in Locks Heath area, there are signs up but no one does much about these things!!
82. Increased dog waste control.
83. Prosecute people that do not pick up their dog's mess or leave the bag on the floor instead of putting it in the nearest dog bin (I have 2 dogs myself so not anti-dog).

- 84. More dog boxes would be greatly appreciated.
- 85. More poop bins required.
- 86. Providing more dog waste bins, particularly on the field behind us.

Drainage

- 87. Improve or clean all storm water drainage pipes and sewerage system before any more building projects get underway.
- 88. Road congestion caused by road vehicles parked inconsiderately, especially near schools.
- 89. Have you thought about a contingency flood plan for Wallington with the fluvial and tidal threat, maybe to pump away the excess water?

Energy efficiency

- 90. Better options in local communities (includes neighbours etc) from how we can move to greener choices on energy without every individual household incurring £20k cost of installing solar panels for example.
- 91. Check regularly that all street lights are switched off: too many are on constantly.
- 92. Systematic cavity wall and loft insulation through the public and private housing.
- 93. Active promotion of domestic and industrial micro generation.
- 94. Greater help with helping people to make their homes energy efficient, composting etc e.g. by making appointments to visit people to look at how they can make a difference and what discounts and offers maybe available to them.

Infrastructure

- 95. Long term investment in upgrading the only secondary school / libraries / doctors / dentists in the Locks Heath area. Over development in the area has over stretched these facilities.
- 96. There should be no further building development until the infrastructure is drastically improved, especially roads.
- 97. More roads.
- 98. I am not convinced that the issues cover the development and delivery of an appropriate infrastructure before the provision of housing schemes.

99. Your policy to build 100 new houses a year will only put further strain on the infrastructure - what are you doing about roads & reducing congestion? You shouldn't allow any more new builds until the roads have been improved & the daily jams significantly improved. And what about a road safety policy?
100. I have become aware of the additional large development that is likely North of Fareham, and am also aware that large numbers of flats are being built all over Fareham. Given that the current Government is unlikely to provide sufficient funds for new/upgraded local infrastructure, I am very concerned that all the new builds will cause too much strain on the current local infrastructure. I do not see this listed as a separate challenge/large issue.
101. Opening up of more roads in Whiteley.
102. Open more roads in Whiteley.
103. If new housing is being built - to ensure the infrastructure of roads etc is set up before work commences and reducing impact that is caused to local area whilst under construction.
104. Put in better roads.
105. STOP covering the entire borough in concrete with houses, roads etc. For heaven's sake CO-ORDINATE road works to minimise inconvenience.
106. A decade of new housing in the Western Wards has boosted the dormitory suburb character without any nod towards a community. Infrastructure should include local employment, doctors' surgeries, schools, shops, public transport (especially to serve Coldeast Hospital) and recreation.
107. More regular repair of local roads.
108. Sustainability of the borough infrastructure (e.g. not overdeveloping the area).
109. Consider greater efficiency in road repairs.
110. There has to be an improved road network infrastructure as public transport will never meet the requirements of the population as long as it is profit driven.
111. The feeder roads in and out of Whiteley from the M27 and A27 are totally inadequate during the rush hour. A new feeder road to take the west bound traffic should be opened as soon as funding can be arranged.

112. Paths drives and walkways re-dressed after electronic gas and other services have damaged existing ones.
113. Repair of winter damage to roads.
114. Improving pavements and roads.
115. Reduce the amount of house building Where house building is required ensure services are in place first, doctors, schools, roads, etc. Ensure the infrastructure can cope.
116. Don't build another hotel in Whiteley or more houses until Infrastructure is in place.
117. Blackbrook Road is getting dangerous! The pavements are in a dreadful state and the grass verges are constantly being churned up by car tyres or road works. The road surface is so bad it need rebuilding, not just throwing grit down over a wafer thin layer of tarmac. I cannot remember the last time I saw road improvements in our area.
118. The pavements where I live are in bad repair, especially for the elderly residents. The corner of Catisfield Road always floods after heavy rain and causes dangerous driving conditions, better drainage perhaps?
119. Pressure the Highways Agency or Hampshire County Council to repair potholes. There is a nasty one on the road between junction nine and the Segensworth roundabout that defies attempts to fill it in.
120. With reference to the above. Perhaps consideration and a study should be given to siting traffic lights at the entrance of Gosport Rd. and Stubbington Lane to the Stubbington roundabout. These lights would need to be phased with the existing pedestrian crossing lights.
121. You could put up a fence at 'redbanks' under the A32 flyover, where teenagers use the ramp with BMX bikes, so they can't fall into the road. You could monitor traffic along Broadcut - the road is very narrow now there is an island, and there are large tipper trucks going to & from Zebra, Lucketts coaches, and lorries going to and from Standard Way. The road is breaking up and these large vehicles could easily mount the pavement, particularly if 2 where trying to pass.
122. An over-all plan for long term infrastructure improvement is vital; time & money should not be wasted on little tweaking schemes like the proposed new Stubbington by-pass or the proposed 'bus route linking Gosport & Fareham.
123. Apply influence to avoid the "perpetual" continuum of road works on the A27 in the Western Ward.

- 124. Provide better sidewalks on many of our rural roads.
- 125. The roads and pavements in the area as a whole are in complete disrepair and I've lost count of the amount of times I've had to replace shock absorbers and new suspensions to my car due to the pot holes in the road and feel sorry for anyone on a push bike who has to ride on dangerous, uneven and unsafe roads.

Litter

- 126. Litter clearance needs to have a higher profile in the borough.
- 127. Litter.
- 128. Enforcing litter dropping laws, more visible wardens in areas outside town centre.
- 129. Litter issue.
- 130. The question of litter in our streets and parks as well as anywhere else that is open to litter being dropped, is becoming an alarming problem that seriously needs to be addressed further if any improvement is to be achieved.
- 131. The levels of litter in the town centre are a disgrace.
- 132. Keeping the locality clean and tidy and free from litter.
- 133. Street litter clearance.
- 134. Tackling litter, and the people who drop it.
- 135. To actively enforce prosecution of those who litter.
- 136. Continue to keep the borough free of litter including motorway slip roads etc. This will encourage more visitors to the area including overseas visitors.
- 137. Maintaining the appearance of the borough, insufficient street cleaning, not enough litter control, despite wardens littering is rife, if town centre and streets made clean public less likely to litter.
- 138. Better standard of litter picking.
- 139. FAREHAM SOUTH: litter education.
- 140. Fines issued for dropping litter & educating children about the importance of looking after our environment & taking pride in their surroundings.

141. More regular litter picking and clean ups along the footpaths and alleyways.
142. More emphasis on litter removal.
143. Cleaner streets, anti litter notices maybe.
144. Encourage Volunteer Litter Clearing, by providing bags etc.
145. Put more bins in Fareham West and High street, have them closer together i.e. every 25 metres to help people dispose of their rubbish. Having spoken to a few younger people they have said that if the receptacles were in place, they would use them.
146. Dealing with litter, we clear up litter dropped outside our property also have cleared up broken glass on the pavement, if we all did this it may discourage people to behave more responsibly?
147. Address the litter situation in the borough. Press the fines issue. There never seems to be a policeman about when you need them.
148. The area around my postcode is always scattered with litter, lets get more unemployed folk (like me who has been struggling to get work) picking litter.
149. Litter is a real problem in our area.
150. Litter is getting worse - after a good spell.
151. Children and adults need to be made aware of stiffer penalties being considered to stop the "don't care attitude" of litter louts who go unpunished. Something needs to be done to punish more offenders and a publicity campaign of more large notices being displayed in prominent areas should be started up.
152. Encouraging young children/adults to stop littering round Cams Creek area with another litter bin/dog bin at gate into Cams Golf area. School children also extensively litter the woods behind Cams school close to Cams Hall - should encourage school to take ownership of problem - possibly by fixing fences if they break.
153. For my area extra litter collection needed around the park now the warmer weather/lighter evenings has brought out the alchies/druggies/underage drinkers and kids who don't give a ####.
154. Supply more litter bins to encourage people to be responsible with litter.
155. More effort to remove the amount of litter and graffiti from the streets and public areas.

156. Please encourage residents to collect rubbish dropped outside their properties it would discourage others to drop litter our local liberal democrat does this and sets us all a good example.
157. In America they have an "Adopt A Highway" scheme where local businesses, schools etc give time for their employees or students to help maintain sections of road/land and keep it litter free in return for some sort of positive publicity. It seemed to work there and where I visited, the litter was noticeable by its absence!....Just an idea.
158. Have lots more litter and dog waste bins on all grassed and open spaces, and in residential areas, at least four bins per mile on all roads.
159. Less rubbish!
160. Educating both Adults and Children to take their rubbish home instead of strewing it along all the back alleys. This is particularly on those alleys radiating from Locks Heath Centre. This ruins all the good work done by the Council's Work Department, or Contractors on the Council's behalf, who mow the grass and occasionally cut the Council's hedges.
161. Continue with keeping our area free of litter and motorway debris. So that we can take pride in where we live.

Parking

162. Casual parking in the area outside Argos etc. I have seen on several occasions cars trying to park narrowly missing people crossing the road. Someone is going to get killed there if some action on this is not taken.
163. Car parking is a problem in the town centre, both with spaces available and the high costs. People who drive to and in Fareham for work are penalised despite such people bringing revenue into the town. The council seems out of touch with people's views and disregards public opinion - i.e. recent adverse publicity about 'all day shoppers' being 'fined £25 for the privilege of parking in Fareham.
164. Road congestion caused by road vehicles parked inconsiderately, especially near schools.
165. Better car parking or a park and ride system.
166. Improve car parking at Stubbington.
167. Also near schools, encourage parents to walk/cycle instead of driving for a very short journey to school, all the stress to find the nearest parking space to the school, double park etc. Offer incentives?

168. The cost of parking is making Fareham an unattractive choice for shopping, when out of town complexes such as Hedge End provide free parking. This in turn is leading to empty shop units and therefore making the town an even less attractive option.
169. I note that you are to address traffic congestion, but there is no mention of parking and that remains a problem in Fareham. Anyone who lives within walking distance of the town centre will understand the problems caused by shoppers and workers leaving their vehicles in residential areas and causing an obstruction by double parking. We need more yellow lines on one side of the road in such areas to prevent these problems. In our road alone there is an incident, on average, once a fortnight of large vehicles not being able to get through leading to a tailback of vehicles and the need to call the police to try to resolve the issue. If this is a county matter rather than a local authority issue then the local authority needs to press HCC for some action.
170. Parking, parking and more parking. Specific parking schemes are needed down the roads in Fareham to stop all day parking outside our houses, leaving residents of the street to pay for parking.
171. Provision of adequate car parking adjacent to leisure facilities.
172. Parking on the roads in Portchester, needs attention please.
173. High car park charges have resulted in large increases in off street parking. A significant reduction in the charges would encourage increased use and would probably show little if any reduction in takings.
174. As a disabled wheelchair user I see a number of people (legally) using disabled parking spaces who don't need to use them. I would like to see the criteria for issuing blue badges more rigidly enforced.
175. Scrap the car parking charges in the town.
176. Still think residents parking should be looked at.
177. Community wardens and Parking officials should sometimes monitor Upper Cornaway Lane.
178. Parking remains a problem in Wallington even after laying new double yellow lines in Wallington Shore Road. Commuter parking in the village plus local people parking on the road make it difficult to drive through the village at times and I dread to consider how emergency traffic would gain access to North Wallington and Drift Road because of badly parked cars and vans especially in the evenings.
179. Dangerous parking on roads, people ignoring double yellow lines and parking on corners.

180. More enforcement of 'yellow lines'.
181. Cars parking on pavements forcing people with pushchairs etc to go in the road.
182. Having recently become a wheelchair user I am amazed at the number of people who think it is alright to park on pavements. Surely they could be fined for doing this which would prevent them doing it again and help keep the pavements clear.
183. Another improvement for those living in Seamead would be yellow lines on the right leaving Seamead. Frequently cars are parked very near the corner making turning in very hazardous, especially for people who visit and maybe unaware of the situation. This has been pointed out to the authorities on numerous occasions. I hope our voices can be heard!
184. I would like to see more of our traffic wardens the yellow lines at the bottom of my road have always got vehicles parked on them, the same applies to parking on the verges in the Crossway.
185. Get rid of some of the verges as there are too many cars. I would not like to be the poor bugger who has to watch his house burn because the services cannot make it down some of our roads.
186. The only thing I can think of is notifying local residents about the annoyance of parking vehicles on footpaths - causing people to walk in the road - and even forcing mothers with young children and buggies to walk in the road. I feel this could be addressed in the local Fareham Today Mag. Not necessarily saying is an offence etc - but to highlight the dangers they are putting others in by there negligence.
187. Local Bye-Laws enforced, i.e. cycling on footpaths and illegal parking.
188. Put parking schemes in place as you have done in many other roads permit parking for residents but you seem to have left out Southampton Road!!
189. The Maritime Academy grows and so does the problem of student car parking in Newtown Road. Daily there some three dozen cars parked outside residents' houses and the road becoming a single carriage for 300-400mtres. It does seem that there is a large amount of unused space on the campus which could provide parking and reduce this traffic hazard.

190. I have written to the council a couple of times now regarding the severe lack of parking around the West End Chapel area, I have suggested that we turn one of the greens into a car park for residents like we have along Fairfield avenue, but was told we have to have enough green space to meet regulations, but I see this as a bit of a cop out!! At least 3 houses along the green suggested now have private drives anyway so the green is no longer usable and it seems to me that as long as someone is paying money that the council doesn't object to losing green areas!! It seems a perfect opportunity to put the car park in at the moment as the paths that were only laid approx 2 years ago are currently being dug up by the Gasworks, and the green has become a car park anyway for all the vehicles including residents and while I understand that it is essential gas maintenance why didn't we do it before we laid the new paths??? Saving money!!!!
191. Howerts Close - also vehicles are parked across pavements and footpaths which is a danger to pedestrians. Grass verges are also used for parking, again turning the areas into muddy eyesores. Perhaps a visit by the police to inform the vehicle owners that they are causing an obstruction would be in order. Are there any bylaws or regulations about parking that can be enforced to improve the area?
192. Prevent parking problems for residents near towns & shops.
193. More parking for residents needs to be available as more & more residents have 1-2 cars. The increased amount of double yellow lined areas makes parking more and more difficult, so designated areas need to become available.
194. My second point which would improve areas is the manner in which residents' park. I live in a close¹⁴ where I regularly have to get the police involved as the close gets cut off. The mouth of the close is often littered with cars parked on the corner of the road and often opposite each other leaving a gap where you can't even drive through in order to get to your property. This would delay any emergency service vehicle, which may need to get to any incident within the close. We seem to be passed the era of anyone having common sense anymore and have no regard for anybody or anything.

Recently there was a disabled parking bay painted in the road, this is all well and good but not for the user. There are those who park opposite the space then the bay cannot be used. It would have been prudent to paint double yellow lines opposite the space but then these would only be ignored like the ones in the service road outside Asda because again things are no longer enforced properly.

¹⁴ Probably off Greyshott Avenue.

There have also been incidents in the close where the refuse collectors have a difficult time of getting the vehicle in and out, and at some point I wouldn't blame them for refusing to collect on health and safety grounds. We did have a day where a car had been left parked on a bend with one parked opposite. The refuse lorry couldn't get any further into the close. The owner of the car refused to move it and the collectors resorted to manually collecting the bins from 10 houses, rolling them to the truck to empty them, then rolled them back to the respective properties. Personally I would have had the vehicle removed and crushed.

195. Stop people using Wallington Shore Road as a car park.
196. The provision of additional parking at Seafield Park recreation area would reduce the frustration felt by the residents when cars regularly block the roads and drive ways during Saturday football matches. Although present for only a relatively short period, the amount of parked traffic in the surrounding streets would prevent unrestricted access to the emergency services should the situation require it.
197. Residents parking scheme in Colenso Road.
198. My immediate thoughts would be in respect of parking. I live in a new development off The Avenue where the builders have allowed for one parking spot for each owner/tenant with limited visitor parking. The visitor spots are constantly taken up by those residents who own more than one vehicle, after filling up the limited street parking. The council either needs to get tough with developers who are making a handsome profit at our expense and contributing to this issue, or consider other ways in which to ensure sufficient parking facilities exist.
199. Stop people parking large works vehicles in side streets.
200. More emphasis on deterring pavement parking.
201. Better enforcement of double yellow line parking infringements - a real problem for emergency and public service vehicles.
202. Make outside permit holders only for the residents.
203. Enforcing laws regarding vehicle parking on pavements.
204. More Enforcement officers to stop people parking where they shouldn't, this will attract people to the area and make the borough a safer place for us all.

205. I also feel there should be stricter rules on motorists parking their vehicles on the pavement. No consideration or thought is given to pedestrians, especially those in a wheelchair or parents with a pushchair. On many occasions when pushing my wife's wheelchair along the pavement I come across a car parked up on the pavement and we have to go into the road to get by.
206. Residential parking permits introduced.
207. Require new developments to strictly limit car parking while encouraging car clubs, public transport, cycle use and other sustainable transport modes. The constant mantra of "the car is king" currently heard at all planning policy meetings has to end.

Planning

208. It would be nice to be informed of any new developments which are in the planning process within Fareham Borough. Especially the new large development which will be north of the M27 along the Wickham Road. I feel local input is vital.
209. Stop the use of garden land for development in Fareham.
210. Extra housing developments is going to make traffic far worse than it currently is and should only be considered once the current traffic congestion has been resolved.
211. Any new builds refused Planning if they don't demonstrate they won't be a drag on electricity, water, fuel and transport resources.
212. Overdevelopment to the detriment of the small shopkeeper, particularly in central Fareham.
213. Ensure any future planning activity enables an environment conducive to quality of life with enough green space and space between properties.
214. Please don't allow the Cob & Pen¹⁵ to be sold for housing (that's the local rumour). I think it's in the conservation area, it's good for the community, particularly with barbeques in the garden in the summer and George the landlord is generous allowing residents to park overnight in the pub car park.
215. Daedalus outcome a concern.

¹⁵ Wallington Village.

216. The planning authorities should have a far more pragmatic approach when dealing with development. When it comes to the future infrastructure requirements they bury their heads in the sand particularly over subjects such as local parking. The facilities in the Western Wards bear no relationship to the amount of housing that the council have dumped on us. Virtually nothing has been spent on the older teenager. The decision to refuse Portsmouth FC to develop land at Titchfield for a training area, bearing in mind what the total package offered, was scandalous. Not in keeping!!!! I suppose the Chinese restaurant at Park Gate is [end].
217. Involve planning dept. in developing communities, all new public buildings and services to have adult changing facilities, all new housing developments to include 'affordable' flats and green areas.
218. Please stop building on every bit of open/green space Fareham has.

Pollution

219. Notice pollution from the motorway.
220. I should like to see some real progress in the elimination of the Peel Common 'pong'. This nauseous smell is intolerable and completely unacceptable in this day and age--residents who live down wind are subjected to a very unpleasant situation. Despite assurances from S. Water that the issue was being tackled the problem still exists!
221. Reduce the impact of serious road noise from the M27 upon the residents of North Fareham.
222. Making Fareham more beautiful and less noisy.
223. There is a serious noise pollution problem for those residents living within a mile of the M27. The road surface generates high decibel levels and there is little to baffle this intrusive sound which is present for at least 18 hours of every day. More must be done to improve the road surface.
224. Provide sound barriers along M27 north of Fareham to reduce noise pollution.
225. Emergency service sirens are frequently going when traffic is clear. Can something be done?
226. Can we have a sound barrier along the motorway as the noise has increased since the landfill has been allowed to grow so large.
227. Provide sound barriers along M27 to reduce noise pollution to residents of north Fareham.

Population growth

- 228. Stop population growth in Fareham to prevent carbon emission increase through extra cars etc. More houses mean more people and more travelling and require more job vacancies.
- 229. Reducing the population density and therefore allowing easier access to services.

Public transport

- 230. The issue of poor public transport along the Fareham – Gosport corridor is highlighted together with its effect on businesses, but the importance of improving public transport links to areas of Segensworth and Whiteley which have already been highlighted as key employment sites is not identified.

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- 231. "With good transport services and communication linking"¹⁶
This statement needs to include a reference to the entire transport network within Fareham, as in its current form it just refers to the providers of services.

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- 232. Local transport hop on/off buses around areas.
- 233. Provide a reliable ,clean, quick and cheap public transport system that is a realistic alternative to getting people out of their cars.
- 234. As usual, encouraging people to use public transport figures highly. Like it or not, in reality this will NEVER happen. Why? Because it now (and in this country, always will) cost an arm and a leg to travel anywhere by public transport and it is never reliable. Older residents who are the main users of public transport find it almost impossible to shop for groceries because all of the main outlets are out of the main shopping area and poorly served by buses, if at all.
- 235. All buses should be wheelchair accessible enabling people with disabilities to travel without having to book transport in advance.
- 236. Thinking about our younger community, (also over-use of cars in Fareham) look at our bus system, how do we expect them to use leisure facilities when there is no or very little public transport to take them home beyond very early evening.
- 237. Enabling better connections between bus and train services.

¹⁶ "Well connected – with good transport services and communication linking people to jobs, schools, health and other services."

238. Improving public transport links and availability.
239. Improving Public Transport! It's too expensive and not enough of it, if the government want us to get out of our cars they need to provide a good alternative!!
240. Not helped by reducing the hours people can use their bus passes.
241. Fareham still does not appear to have any policies in place to encourage people to use their cars less and use public transport or bicycles more.
242. Public Transport needs to be improved- this means that it will have to be subsidised. People will not use irregular and infrequent transport that is quite expensive and finishes early in the evening. This means that young people from the Western Wards cannot get into Fareham Centre to visit the cinema as they cannot get back home again. The last bus leaves about 8.30pm ! Hence parents have to use their cars etc.
243. Later buses from the Town Centre.
244. Transport strategy - improved bus services, joined up bus/rail, real cycle paths.
245. I think the proposed special bus route along the old railway line is a complete waste of money. If Gosport people even have a chance of getting close to the route, what happens when it dumps them in Fareham? Not many are only going to Fareham town centre. There is no getting round the fact that a bridge/tunnel must be built across to the M275 - come hell or high water!!!
246. Improving public transport.
247. You have not included a question specifically about public transport. I feel that the bus services in the borough, apart possibly from the Fareham town and Gosport road areas, are not getting any better and do not offer an alternative which would encourage people to use their cars less.
248. The bus service in the area is very poor. If you work out of the immediate area, especially in the service industry where shift work is common, there is little chance of getting home except for an expensive taxi ride. Visiting anyone on a Sunday is exceptionally poor service.
249. Encourage use of public transport by having more reliable services, and weatherproof bus stops with seats.
250. Improve public transport. No buses.

251. Encourage the use of the trains from Fareham to Portsmouth / Southampton and beyond. Encourage SW Trains to increase the frequency of trains at peak times between Portsmouth and Southampton.
252. The light railway transit system for Fareham/Gosport/Portsmouth should be introduced. I know there are funding problems, but this would reduce traffic congestion and air quality.
253. Bring back the light rail plan.
254. I still think a local tram system would benefit the entire region, by reducing traffic congestion and improving the air quality. I have just returned from Berlin where their public transport was an inspiration. The Tram was a big part of that, and the fact that they always run on time is a very attractive advantage over other forms of Public transport.
255. High cost, low frequency and slow public transport tends to push us towards Portsmouth for shopping and entertainment and we live in Portchester!

Recycling

256. Generally I feel that Fareham has done a good job in this area over the years and the recycling area at Segensworth is commendable. More sites of this nature should be encouraged so that it can be made easy for people to participate and limit the use of cars to travel to dumps which are excessively distant from their homes. A "green" concern.
257. Improve the Borough's recycling strategy. More products for recycling + remove the restriction on Garden waste (jokingly reduced you say for H & S reasons but you then offer to sell us additional bags - Ha Ha!)
258. There was no plastic waste recycling skip when I last went to the recycling centre.
259. More amenity tips.
260. I would like the borough to consider house collection for glass, not everyone is able to take bottles etc to a collection point.
261. I am single and away during the week when the bins are emptied so I would like to take all recyclables to collection points as I do not want to leave out a recycling bin with very little content. I would like a plastic bottle bank, a metal can bank and a paper bank within walking distance. There are two groups of glass, metal, plastic and paper banks within 5 minutes walk of the address when I stay in Cambridge during the working week. Do I really have to take all my recyclables to Cambridge with me on the train?

- 262. Increasing the council's waste management options to include compostable materials.
- 263. Also replace recycling bins with larger if required.
- 264. Introduce wheelie bins for garden waste.
- 265. I still think recycling has some way to go here....maybe different coloured public bins could be considered for different materials... Also, heavier fines for littering, the scourge of our Country...
- 266. I would like the borough to offer a wider recycling collection service such as home collection for glass. Not everyone is able to take bottles to a collection point.
- 267. Close down or relocate the 'Downend' compost facility to relieve many Portchester residents from the foul odours experienced during the summer.
- 268. Let us recycle yoghurt pots!
- 269. Why can't our recycling bins be used for glass? London boroughs do.
- 270. Reward those that provide a higher rate of recycled domestic waste in the form of rebates of community charges.

Refuse collection

- 271. The new schedules for both ordinary and recycled rubbish are not close enough in time and are being limited in their scope. There is a danger of putting off even those who generally try to support the objective of waste management and re-cycling.
- 272. To improve the facilities that council tax payers pay for i.e. weekly bin collections.
- 273. The refuse collectors on this round are very good and should be praised.
- 274. Returning to weekly rubbish collections.
- 275. I think along with many others that removing the weekly normal rubbish collection was a bad move.
- 276. Cutting garden waste collection to 1 sack per collection means that we need to drive to the local tip once a fortnight which is adding to pollution. The cost of paying for extra sacks is unreasonable when we pay for "F" band in council tax and get the same sack allowance as the lower bands.

277. Remembering the basic services that local authority has always provided, such as collecting rubbish that normal households produce, not hoping it will cease to exist if you don't.
278. Put back the weekly rubbish collections and green waste collections rather than this silly stealth tax on purchasing green bags that hurts only the old without cars.
279. Waste collection is an important issue. Less wasted investment on complex impractical policy and more focus on straightforward collection and disposal would help.
280. Where customers prefer replace large "wheelie bins" for general waste with smaller bins, many small households do not need the full size bin.
281. I feel that all dustbins should be placed in back gardens as they are an eyesore in Howerts Close, left at the front of properties.
282. I think that wheelie bins outside properties are an eye sore if people have the space to accommodate them out of sight they should be asked to do so.

Road crossings

283. I cannot think of any other important issues that you may have missed except for making life safer for those residents who choose to walk to and from the town centre. Under passes/subways should be accompanied by an alternative route to cross a road. Subways are threatening to use, with drunks and "black spots" which make them unacceptable to use both during the day and at night. Safer crossing areas for pedestrians are a priority, not only would it encourage people to walk more it would reduce obesity and reduce other health issues. The emphasis is always on the car user and sometimes pedestrians are overlooked.
284. More safety at school crossings and speed reduction.
285. Review the road junctions between Upper Cornaway Lane & the crematorium car parks. Preoccupied drivers leaving the facility sometimes assume they have the right of way causing Northfield Park residents regular concern at having to avoid an accident. A large notice stating 'STOP AT JUNCTION AHEAD' in each car park should suffice.
286. Provide an alternative to the subway that runs under the dual carriageway from Fareham Quay (next to the Castle in the Air) to Gosport Road. Provide a safe crossing area from the viaduct in Gosport Road to the Town Centre....three lanes saying "Keep Clear" but there is always a driver who doesn't stop, you dice with death crossing here. The other side of the market roundabout crossing from the Quay side of the road doesn't offer a safe crossing area. You have to run in front of

drivers travelling toward the town centre (traffic is continuous at all times of day) and those turning left into Gosport Road, plus the cars travelling in the opposite direction, coming of the roundabout travel so fast it makes crossing impossible. Police are often parked up on the roundabout viewing this nightmare area. More thought to pedestrians please, improve crossing areas and make them safe. Provide more "flyovers" so people can make a choice of how they get to the opposite side of the road.

287. A pedestrian crossing is needed along Brook Lane which is a very busy road, already used by many pupils from the surrounding schools.
288. Pedestrian priorities and improving safety on footpaths in the borough. Great work is underway on the junction of the High St and West St to make crossing simpler. Improvements could be made to make other crossings safer e.g. outside Fareham train station.
289. A zebra crossing across the road from Blackbrook Road to Greyfriars Road would help us cross the road from the bus stop. It can take ages to get from one side of Highlands Road to the other.
290. I would like the borough to consider a pedestrian crossing near the main road end of Huntspond Road. Many children and older people cross here also other pedestrians. Although there is an island half way across with the traffic coming from the roundabout direction and from the main road crossing is difficult.
291. Could we have a zebra crossing near to the station so that commuters and school children can get across without taking their lives into their hands.

Speeding

292. Reduce the speed limit to 20 mph or lower around or near schools.
293. Speeding by motorists as well as scooter riders - a persistent problem in Laburnum Road which goes ignored despite my letters requesting a reduced speed limit in this dead end road.
294. Driving speeds is a real issue and more portable speed cameras should be a must. Highlands Road is a nightmare for car drivers speeding and racing each other (they slow down at the one camera and then whizz off again). Also Kennedy Avenue should by now have speed bumps as the mums on the school run and the lads on mopeds in the evenings use this road like some kind of race track and it is inevitable that sooner or later someone could well be killed.
295. Traffic control in Park Gate too many people speeding down Hunts Pond Road, there is a school in this area.

296. Speeding traffic in residential areas.
297. 20 MPH speed limit for traffic in all built up areas, especially schools and busy shopping centres.
298. Reduction of speed limits and introducing traffic calming measures on roads which are becoming rat runs because of bad traffic management on main roads which causes traffic hold-ups.
299. Speeding on local roads, noisy motorcycles especially after 8pm.
300. There is no mention at all of the problem of traffic speed control in the western wards. This is a topic which is raised at every local meeting I have attended. The speed limit in "Upper Brook Lane" was reduced to 30 but has made no discernable difference. This comment applies to most of the area.
301. Whilst you mention easing traffic congestion, it does not mention getting some roads slowed down, the size of some of the vehicles is too large for some roads, or the safety of pedestrians. 1 - where we live in Botley Road, Park Gate, it used to be a reasonably peaceful road, but that has all changed with volume and speed of the traffic, we do not even get peace in the garden due to the noise from, the motorway 2 - also the cars parked outside belong to commuters who do not want to pay at the station car park, this then frustrates drivers who have to wait for on coming vehicles, we have had a number of accidents here due to speed, you should see some of them at 5/6am, we are 30mph. 3 - The size of some of the articulated trucks actually makes our house shake (even at the back). 4 - There are only 2 pedestrian crossings in the local area, even though this is being widely built on.
302. Reducing speeding traffic by physical means: e.g. GATSOs¹⁷ would make a fortune in my part of Mays Lane. Unless you become tough on selfish drivers, crossing the road for the elderly, children and pets is a nightmare, let alone trying to enter/exit your driveway.
303. Speed ramps on Thames Drive and Hill Park Road to encourage motorists to use main road. At present it is developing into a "rat run" to avoid Kiln Road/Highlands Road junction particularly in the mornings and early evenings, and is particularly dangerous to those living on these roads as car speed along.
304. Some kind of speed control in roads worst affected by speeding motorists.
305. Please do something about cutting the speed of cars in Stubbington, especially in Mays Lane.

¹⁷ Gatso is a brand of speed camera invented by Maurice Gatsonides and manufactured by the Dutch company Gatsometer BV.

306. Some kind of traffic calming along Stubbington Lane. Traffic speeds up after leaving the Gosport border & the camera on the seafront. Trying to emerge from Seamead is often difficult & dangerous. The 30mph speed limit needs to be enforced in some way; maybe a slow down sign which lights up when drivers are speeding???
307. Curb the speeding traffic in the town centre. (Youths running around in hot-rod cars with music blaring.)
308. I think that pedestrians should have priority over vehicle traffic. Especially in my village, Stubbington. An idea would be to have a speed limit of around 10mph where the shops are. 20mph speed limit near schools.
309. Traffic calming scheme desperately needed on Schooner Way, Warsash.
310. Put speed bumps up around schools or follow the American system that when school children are going out or coming in cones are placed outside and the speed limit is immediately reduced to 15 mph not tolerance around this.
311. Something (Anything!) to slow traffic down on Gudge Heath Lane would be appreciated.
312. Put a speed humps or 20mph speed limit.
313. I would consider the biggest problem in my local area is speeding cars, this is a problem that needs to be tackled through effective law enforcement.
314. Slow down local traffic.
315. A general reduction in the speed limit for local roads to 20mph and perhaps setting up a scheme for young drivers to be shown the devastation caused by street racing and how to improve their road skills in a controlled environment.
316. Reduce the speed limit to 20mph in Wallington village, and enforce it, before a child is killed - it's irresponsible of the council to say that it's not an accident black spot. This is far more important than arguments about Wallington village parking policy.

317. Traffic Calming in Common Lane to stop it being used as a rat run. The traffic Speed during morning and evening rush hours is a death waiting to happen. Last year 2 youths in a car travelling so fast that they hit the kerb outside my neighbours house, turned 90 degrees, ploughed diagonally across my front garden and through my other neighbours drive. When I contacted the police, they asked if anyone was injured. I said no. They said it occurred on private property. Contact your insurance company. They would not even take my name. I live on a straight road.
318. Traffic calming measures through the village of Warsash and a pelican crossing at the centre of the village would not only make the village safer, but enhance the environment for pedestrians and local shoppers. Residents would be more inclined to shop locally, thus benefitting local businesses.
319. More traffic calming measures in very busy roads.
320. Removal of ridiculous "traffic calming" and road narrowing measures which actually make driving more difficult and dangerous.
321. Traffic calming/1 way systems near local schools.
322. I would like to see 20 m.p.h. speed limits introduced on all non through routes. I have seen people exceeding 50 m.p.h. along the Linden Lea where I live.
323. 10 or 20 mph speed limits in residential areas.
324. Speed bumps / chicanes / speed cameras in Swanwick Lane to avoid future major accidents.
325. Traffic calming - e.g. speed bumps, road narrowing, different road surfaces. No point in placing POLICE SPEED CHECK AREA notices in street if these are not followed up by actual speed checks!!!!
326. More speed checks on traffic - and reduction of excess noise made by supercharged cars and motor bikes.
327. Some of the roads in Portchester especially Castle Street need to have 20mph speed limit signs.
328. To cross the small road running from West Street to the Car Park behind the shops, presents a problem for all ages. A notice warning cars that the speed should be reduced. I know that the speed limit is clearly stated, this often ignored, People with hearing & sight problems, & also Buggy users are in danger of being involved in an accident.

329. Can we have some way of making drivers abide by the 30mph. In Titchfield we have just managed to get a 20mph zone for the centre of the village. This was obtained by a huge public demand and a petition of over a thousand people. The snag is the police who for some reason so not want 20mph zones as they cannot "police it"! It would be cheaper and more sensible to have the whole of Titchfield Village as 20mph and it would be cheaper just to put a 20mph sign at each entrance to the village- instead we have extra signs going from 20 - 30 mph - it is ridiculous when we want the traffic through the village to slow down for safety.
330. There should also be more speed cameras along Highlands Road. They slow down at the only one there is and then roar off like they are in a race. Again it is only a matter of time before someone is maimed or killed.

Streetscene

331. General street furniture could smarten up the borough - street signs/lampposts - loads are VERY OLD!
332. Services are also something, which require better regulations. The likes of the gas companies and water board whom dig up sections of road for what they class as essential maintenance. The temporary lights in use are never set-up correctly and when the road is re-instated the biggest bodge imaginable takes place leaving patchwork quilts, which leave the road bumpy and also sink over a short space of time. Once the winter weather arrives these sections of road then crack up leaving potholes, which then have to be repaired at the expense of the council tax payer, who in turn also foots the bill for any compensation paid for damaged vehicles.
333. Get rid of 90% street furniture - the current levels make road travel dangerous as too much time is taken away from responsible driving of the vehicle. Responsible driving is different to pointing the vehicle in the direction of travel and operating the controls.
334. Higher quality of street names and road signs in all areas.
335. Ask BT to remove overhead telephone lines wherever possible to visually improve the vista.
336. More frequent cleaning of curbs/gutters, there are weeds growing in the road outside my house.
337. Extension of excellent planting on roundabouts to Wickham Road and Broadcut.

338. I am impressed with the way that the Western end of West Street has been improved by way of the pavements and railings. It provides a cohesive appearance without being overdone. I would be interested to know if this has resulted in less litter and vandalism. It may well be that other neighbourhoods could be looked at with a view to providing an overall look without totally removing personal individuality. I am currently involved in two phases of environmental improvements at Thornhill. The work is funded by Southampton City Council and involves paths, car parking and soft and hard landscaping. The local residents seem to really appreciate the new appearance and say that they think it will help to deter vandals and encourage more reporting if incidents do occur.
339. Levelling pavements and reducing the angles of dropped kerbs for wheelchair users. Ban vehicles from parking on pavements. I often have to wheel down the road because of these problems, fortunately the local roads aren't busy but the distance I travel is limited when I come to roads with heavier traffic.
340. More attention being paid to the inspection of road signs and street names, some have missing letters and parts of the symbols missing.
341. Some pavements are in need of repair and need urgent attention- uneven surfaces and in wet weather water pools of water are an additional hazard.
342. It would be very nice if the street cleaners could visit Thornbury Close at least once a year and maybe when they are there they could sweep the alley at back of the school which has NEVER been cleaned since the new wall was built and all the mud which the children continue to throw down is a disgrace. When Fort Brockhurst was rebuilt a few years ago the grass grew in weeks - maybe the council/school need to ask Gosport Council/the M.o.D. for some help.
343. Improve verge cleaning on A27 between Segensworth roundabout and Mill Lane Titchfield.
344. Also the road signs in the borough are scruffy and rusty if these and other road furniture and pavements are improved it makes the area look so much nicer.
345. Restoring street cleaning activities.
346. Please improve street cleaning as a walk from my house to Fareham has to be made through discarded bottles, plastic bags and other rubbish. This lack of good house keeping does not give our area a reasonable reputation and is a black mark against visitors.
347. Please re- instate footpath cleaning, we have the cleanest gutters and dirtiest footpaths/verges.

- 348. Street cleaners going out of town centre.
- 349. Public Toilets with paid attendant which we pay to use.
- 350. Re-visit the renewal of damaged and worn road and street signage.
- 351. Keeping public footpaths clear of overgrown vegetation, there are areas where the pathways become narrow and slippery with leaves when wet. Also there are hedges and shrubs from some private gardens which encroach across pavements.

Traffic congestion

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- 353. The strategy does not indicate a need to reduce travel instead choosing to focus on managing the modes used. The promotion of smarter choices tools including flexible working patterns can help ameliorate peak hour congestion.

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- 354. The difference between the level of car use (presumably modal share but not stated) and the number of trips highlighted in para. 9 needs to be refined.¹⁹

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- 356. Stating Fareham is a relatively congested borough needs to be quantified with regard to other local districts. CJAMs²⁰ data has been produced by Hampshire County Council that could quantify the statement by showing the most congested lengths of road within Hampshire.

¹⁸ Introduction to the Executive Summary.

¹⁹ "The level of car use and the number of car journeys needs to be refined."

²⁰ Congestion and Journey-time Acquisition and Monitoring System

The number of people who commute in and out of the borough contributes further to congestion levels. The statement should therefore also reference that in and out commuting adds to traffic levels thus resulting in congestion.

The document highlights that links between different modes of public transport are not well coordinated however the document should acknowledge the fact that public transport opportunities are generally good within Fareham with regular bus and train services to key facilities.

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357. The difference between the level of car use (presumably modal share but not stated) and the number of trips highlighted in para. 9 needs to be refined.²¹

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358. The need to reduce car use and the number of car journeys is cited. A number of options are given to achieve this reduction which rely solely on the willingness of people to change their lifestyles and habits. This implies that only 'carrot' measures will be promoted to achieve a modal shift whereas 'stick' measures (e.g. parking charges) to force a modal shift should also be considered to reinforce the message.

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359. Why are we encouraging a large Tesco in the town centre which will not only damage the existing town centre retail outlets but will add to the congestion in and around the town. What benefit can this have when there are already adequate large supermarkets in the borough.

360. Until a radical approach of almost-free transport is provided within the main borough, what incentive have people got to leave their cars at home. A lot of Fareham's congestion is due to people travelling by car to Portsmouth from Gosport. Why is there never the option on the table for a road tunnel under Portsmouth Harbour. I'm convinced that this would ease greatly Fareham as the bottleneck. These are hard times. The Rapid Transport idea was never going to work because of fares. There is no way they would have charged cheap fares for that. People want the convenience of their own transport. I know this isn't 'politically correct' but the truth hurts. Why was there never a flyover going west to east over the market roundabout? Why was there never a Gosport filter lane built at Delme avoiding the Town Centre?

361. The Executive summary mentions traffic congestion but only outside of the town centre. I believe that this is one area of importance that we must tackle. While the new Market Quay car park is good it has in itself created problems as traffic waiting to enter it now queue on the roundabout into town, increasing congestion still further.

²¹ "The level of car use and the number of car journeys needs to be refined."

362. It's no good us ignoring the fact that there must be a bridge/tunnel built for the Gosport traffic to bypass Fareham - it's only going to get worse. A bridge/tunnel from around Fleetlands to Whale Island area/M275 is a must with the continued development of Gosport. If Southampton could build the Itchen Bridge (for a smaller hinterland) why don't we get on with it. Tolls would assist the cost.
363. The constant traffic congestion and long tailbacks at Stubbington roundabout. In Gosport Rd. traffic is often tailed back to past Eric Rd. In Stubbington Lane traffic tails back past Nursery lane. The latter inhibits traffic exiting and entering Bells Lane and to a lesser extent Eric Road.
364. Long-term plans are one way of dealing with issues but there are things which need doing in the short term until the long-term plans start to take effect. Traffic congestion in Fareham is my biggest issue, as FBC hasn't looked at what causes the congestion realistically. The council taxpayer in Fareham has to endure traffic caused mainly by people who live outside the borough, namely Gosport. If Gosport is to continue building houses in its borough then it should contribute towards FBC in order to create less congestion and maintain a decent traffic management program. But FBC also has to look at improving the problems, which it has created itself. The manner in which some of the traffic lights are set-up within the borough do not help with congestion. There are traffic lights, which work against each other the best example of this are, the sets at the start at Trinity St. and the bottom of Osborn Rd. To turn right out of Osborn Rd into West St and be met with a queue waiting at the next red light is crazy as it only then creates a gridlock situation at the Osborn Rd/West St junction often obstructing the bus lane. This is compounded by the cycle light, which is never used by cyclists correctly. They pass over the sensors on their bikes but do not stop for the light, which then has to go through its sequence of stopping traffic unnecessarily as the cyclist has already gone. Surely with the closeness of these sets they should have been linked and reprogrammed to work in sequence. Siemens could have done this when the lights were replaced during the West St facelift? The next set with issues is along the A27, junction of Bishopsfield Rd. The right filter lanes get too many phantom occupancies which stop traffic again unnecessarily again letting the lights go through a sequence which only creates traffic to build up. The lights at the A27, Gudge Heath Lane junction just cause a queue, which creates a backlog along the Western Way bypass, coupled with a single sided flyover at the Quay St Roundabout, which does nothing for eastbound drivers on the Western Way bypass. Traffic should only be held at lights for the least amount of time possible, this would enable traffic to flow, which in itself creates less pollution and better air quality. Aging systems need looking at and sequences need to be change in order to fit in with future traffic conditions and money does need to be spent.

365. I think that traffic congestion will become a serious issue as soon as building and living happens on the Coldeast site and the Peters Road site.
366. Fareham is a traffic funnel for Gosport (I was born there and proud of it. I have had a business there for 27 years, but personally had to move out because of the funnel traffic). Go back and revisit joining Gosport to the M27 with a bridge across to Cosham from Ultra area with dual carriageway on set aside land to Brockhurst. This will benefit both towns.
367. Opening the road that connects Privett Road to Manor Road, linking with a Stubbington bypass from Brooker's Field roundabout Newgate Lane to Titchfield Road. Giving a through road from Gosport to Southampton Road Titchfield reducing traffic through Lee on the Solent and Stubbington.
368. Improving traffic into Gosport to prevent traffic backlogs in all areas.
369. If the new supermarket is now not going to be built could the Quay St/Western Rd roundabout be improved asap?
370. There is a relatively large amount of poorly used land behind the A32/A27 roundabout; plus the A32/A27 roundabout and flyover are very poorly designed. I have heard numerous stories on the grapevine about how that land and the roundabout can be re-built, however nothing ever seems to come to fruition! I think a public consultation with a number of widely publicised designs for a new road layout and land use for that area is desperately required - there is the potential to completely transform Fareham town centre for the better.
371. Must stress traffic movement through Fareham. Newgate Lane is dangerous(No good pavements nor cycle paths.) We all know that market island is the key. How can we avoid it?
372. The road congestion on the A32 near to the town side of St Christopher's Hospital is getting significantly worse and will result in a serious accident if action is not taken soon. Ideally cars should be prevented from parking on the highway in this 200 yard stretch but this would cause car parking problems for the residents who live there. In the short term the speed limit should be dropped to 20 mph. An active speed warning sign erected and the possibility of traffic calming measures investigated.
373. I think the point is covered in the Transport strategy, but consider more direct ways of Whiteley residents and workers having more than one access point to the M27.

374. Ref. reducing traffic congestion there should be specific mention of developing cycle routes by encouraging cycling for leisure you will build confidence in using this mode of travel. As more people develop the cycling habit then more families will cycle to schools and work also teens can access other leisure facilities like hockey, skate-parks etc.
375. Traffic lights on the Kiln Road/Highlands Road junction with limited operation say, during hours of 8 - 9 am and 5-6 pm.
376. The Market Quay roundabout and area should be greatly improved, traffic is too heavy for just that one roundabout a bigger 2 way flyover is needed.
377. I am quite pleased with my immediate neighbourhood at present with the exception of traffic jams in Stubbington Lane every morning. A direct link from Gosport to A27 at Titchfield is desperately needed, i.e. the Stubbington by-pass.
378. Traffic congestion is a major factor where I live - the Gosport Road is just in front of my road. I'd welcome proposals for solutions of the Fareham to Gosport bottleneck. I understand that the railway line is being worked on. I am sure that locals would volunteer in clearing that area - I know I would if asked. Anything to aid in that solution coming around quicker.
379. Stop Catisfield Lane & Catisfield Road being a rabbit run. Road traffic measures should be put in place i.e. speed ramps like the ones in the uplands estate. This would then make this area a less congested area. Traffic would be diverted along the A27 / Highlands road. Easy fix. This would make the Catisfield area a more visible area instead of trying to miss cars at speed who use these roads just to saver save time.
380. I am writing specifically of Titchfield. It is an excellent place for adults to live: attractive environment, good services, low crime rate. The only serious problem is the amount of traffic using the village as a through route.
381. Traffic problems on Newgate Lane also to improve pavements on Newgate lane.
382. A rapid transit system is a must for reducing traffic congestion, which will benefit the community in many other ways.
383. Do something about the REALLY heavy traffic on Titchfield Road.
384. Improving the Gosport road from lower quay to the split at Newgate Lane. The easterly traffic do not like stopping at the roundabout after lower quay.
385. Open up Yew Tree Drive and Rookery Avenue now (Whiteley).

386. Car parking in Wallington Shore Road is causing serious risk of accidents. The only sensible solution is to ban it completely.
387. Stop forcing all traffic onto the roundabout at Segensworth by allowing access to Whiteley from Botley Road. Winchester Council spent a fortune building an access road that no one can use? It makes no sense when you view the volume of traffic going to Whiteley; not to mention the negative 'green impact' all that additional, unnecessary mileage has.
388. Having lived here for 27 years, I see traffic congestion as a prime cause of frustration and getting worse year on year. What is the fundamental cause? What can be done to improve it?
389. Access past the Crematorium to our estate is very difficult if there are two large funerals following one another. Could some thought be given to yellow lines on one side of Upper Cornaway Lane so that access is available not only to the residents' vehicles but also for emergency vehicles such as ambulances?
390. Reduce traffic congestion by improving access and road system to and from Fareham.
391. As for the large articulated trucks I am not sure what can be done there.
392. Stop traffic entering Paxton Road from the Avenue would stop its use as a 'rat run' to bypass the traffic lights at Redlands Lane. This would reduce the traffic noise and potential harm to residents. It would also reduce the use of local parking by people seeking to avoid the charges at the station car park.
393. Much of the congestion is as a result of the confluence of the A32 and A27 - therefore much of our congestion is actually produced by Gosport traffic. I feel that an effective way to markedly reduce the congestion would be to re-instate the Fareham-Gosport railway line. Clearly, it could not go as far as it once did because much of the far Southern end has been built on, however the majority of the line remains and could well serve a modern station built slightly higher up the line than the original one, e.g. in the Rowner area, with the added benefit that such a development would transform Rowner (it is currently a particularly grotty place, as we all know).
394. Every effort should be made to improve traffic to and from the Gosport peninsula as soon as possible:- 1. The Stubbington By-pass 2.The Rail/bus route Gosport to Fareham 3.Increased width to Newgate Lane.
395. Stubbington Lane traffic problem.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Vision: A borough where all its residents are enabled to live longer, fitter and healthier lives.

Rank	Priority issues	Replies	
		No.	%
9	Promoting independence and quality of life for older people	177	27%
10	Increasing physical activity across all age groups	157	24%
18	Reducing levels of obesity in children and adults	90	14%

Overall

1. The Environment section is inextricably bound with the vision in this section and its two top priorities.

The provision of health services is going to be even more pressured with the proposed significant increase in the population of the borough. The proposed Strategic Development Area will be part of Fareham Borough and competing for resources.

Hospital beds will be under enormous pressure, even though there is a new major hospital. But this is absorbing the work done at Haslar Hospital and extending its care for certain specialities from neighbouring counties.

The major increase in population across South Hampshire will put additional pressure on all local hospitals, large and small.

The problems of hospitals can stem from funding issues associated with staffing, running costs, Private Finance Initiative repayments etcetera and these can lead to closed wards, and operating theatres with constant frustration to staff and patients alike.

It is the Society's perception that both NHS dental and GP services are already stretched in the Borough.

Education from many sectors should target the problems of the first two priorities.²²

The bullet points outlined in "where do we want to be" are important - new facilities identified for the western wards will be welcomed by local residents.

²² To increase physical activity across all age groups and to reduce levels of obesity in children and adults.

The new community hospital will have to be well served with very efficient bus services to operate adequately. This is also the case for the Queen Alexandra Hospital which does not have bus services on a Sunday for patients visiting.

The needs of the SDA should be identified and clear indication of the funding for it.

Existing facilities, like the Park Lane swimming pool are well run, but will become inadequate for the pressure of use from users from the eastern wards of Fareham and new residents from the proposed SDA. Funding should be put aside for a new or extended facility for the eastern wards. The provision of a swimming pool for the SDA is unlikely to be provided, particularly in the early years.

The Fareham Society

Access issues

2. It should be made clear that public transport services are available to hospitals in Portsmouth but the indirect nature of the services, the need to change buses and issues of bus stop locations may create a perception of poor servicing.

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3. As one of Fareham's many disabled people, it would be nice to see improved disabled access in buildings throughout the borough. There are not enough ramps, disabled toilets and lifts to make Fareham truly accessible to us.
4. Better access into buildings for the disabled. More disabled parking areas.
5. You seem to refer mainly about older people in Health & Wellbeing. What about help for disabled residents and support for their carers. I am a full-time carer myself so I know how difficult it is to get help and assistance so I get to enjoy within reason a decent lifestyle.
6. Better disabled access.
7. I am only able to use a wheelchair, having MS. Please would someone go down and have a look at the difficulties getting along the 'beach' it is very difficult. I and I am sure most disabled people would be very grateful if it was made easier.

Dementia

8. Provision for people with dementia and their carers.

Dental care

9. Not helped by the planning dept delaying decision on dental practice expansion in Titchfield Common.

Hospital services

10. Keep Hasler Hospital.
11. How big and overcrowded does Fareham have to get before we have our own hospital? This government seems hell bent of centralising everything. The Queen Alexandra Hospital is a disaster waiting to happen! Fareham should by now have its own hospital facility which could include Gosport as well if need be. Daedalus site perhaps?
12. Health services provision - the council should be campaigning **STRONGLY** to fight the closure of Haslar Hospital while access to it from Fareham and Gosport is so much easier than to QA for routine and emergency situations, especially for older people & young people with children. Transport infrastructure and hospital provision should be **THE** priorities for Gosport & Fareham.
13. Health care available **LOCALLY**.
14. Awareness and support of people of all ages who have mental health issues- may be short or long term- depression, antenatal and postnatal depression or other complex conditions.
15. Maternity services- such as access to ante natal classes.
16. Would like to give priority to the building of the new Community hospital and the delivery of dementia services.

Leisure facilities

17. More leisure facilities inc swimming lessons for babies or schemes organised by the local authorities at a reduced rate.
18. Better health & fitness provisions for all ages- that is affordable.
19. Offering swimming free to retired people to encourage mobility.

20. This is probably the wrong forum for the following comment but it does link to the strategy of providing more leisure opportunities for children. As a parent, I cannot take my child to Fareham swimming pool after school in term time because the entire pool area is given over to swimming lessons. I have to go outside the borough to do this and I think this is unacceptable given that the gov't. message is get more active and reduce child obesity and these words and themes appear all over your strategy document. I know the pool was passed from sole council administration to a partnership with a private company but surely the council still have some obligation to allow residents access to part of the pool? We are being forced into taking up lessons. For young children there is no access with parents before 6.30pm. This is too late.
21. If you look at the whole borough, it already has a wealth of leisure facilities from the beaches of Hill Head to the historic Portchester Castle plus surrounding woodland etc. The Leisure Centre itself is woeful in its size and capacity but that really only serves a minority having sporting interests. What is lacking is the public awareness of the full range of choice within the borough and the means to go to these places other than by car. Plus, each and every location could do with a little money spent on improvements and it is surprising what can be achieved with lots of little hits rather than trying to achieve a major change. If a major project is on the cards then the Leisure Centre needs to be doubled in size/capacity and with that again for a greater diversity of activities.
22. The government initiative encouraged free swimming for over 60"s why can't Fareham comply?
23. I believe that access to leisure and recreation facilities is very important, but for many the cost is prohibitive. Fareham desperately needed to sign up to the free swimming for children that was recently turned down.
24. Once again not helped by Fareham not following the government initiative of free swimming for the young and old.
25. Sports Centre/Swimming Pool in West of the Borough.
26. At present, I am unable to take my daughters swimming after school as the pool is closed for lessons every afternoon. I do not want to have the weekly commitment of a lesson, but would like to opportunity to take them swimming on a school day.
27. Providing/ encouraging activities for the growing number of single person households.
28. I think that on the Coldeast site you should be considering placing a new swimming pool and additional leisure facilities. This is a huge piece of land which should not be exclusively developed for new homes.

29. What is happening about the proposed swimming pool that was to be built behind the Co-Op at Locks Heath?
30. All open areas in the borough should be subject to the same by laws concerning dogs, remote control aircraft, golf, cricket and other hard ball games.
31. Suggest "Adult Gym Equipment" be installed near children play areas to encourage adult fitness. Similar to equipment in Manchester and Marbella.
32. More opportunities to participate in sport where resources are free. e.g. swimming This would help alleviate the problem of obesity.
33. My area is desperate for a swimming pool/leisure centre to cater for all ages.
34. Promote the free / low cost options to exercise within the Fareham area. Involve school children and young people in what is offered for them in the local area. Try to avoid Fareham turning into a 'retirement home' town - keep a balanced offering for all citizens.
35. A Leisure Centre with a swimming pool for the Locks Heath area.
36. I consider that the leisure and recreational facilities provided in the Borough to be reasonable for the demand however the standard of maintenance could be improved. This can be achieved by actively engaging the local youth in the ownership of their local facilities.
37. I do think a leisure facility is required to the west of Fareham.
38. Additional swimming facilities.
39. I think the variety of sports options have to be increased in the borough. Not everyone like to play football, rugby or cricket as team sports and promoting other team sports I feel is something that would get more kids active. Gosport has an ice rink that may be lost depending on their decision on the redevelopment of Holbrook. 3-4 ice sports are already supported by that rink and if it goes, then I think Fareham should put a new one on the plans for New North Fareham.
40. Access to Bath Lane Recreation Ground from town centre. - Currently not easy to access and well underused. I know plans are pending re developing this area as a recreation ground. It is a forgotten corner of the town.
41. Make physical and leisure activities walking distance from all places, otherwise driving to a centre defeats the purpose and increases traffic.

42. We should like to see a skateboard park located somewhere centrally i.e. in the middle of town, so that it is fun to participate and fun for all ages to spectate, perhaps incorporating a cafe. I have seen this work extremely well on Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia.
43. The area needs more leisure facilities, something that's fun to do, I'm sure if Romsey can afford the rapids Fareham can.
44. It would be a very good idea if before planning permission was given for more houses in the area you looked at what people can do in their leisure time, i.e. sports facilities, if there was maybe a swimming pool or the like at Locks Heath the youngsters that hang around the centre may have somewhere to go and be active. At the moment people complain about them, give them an alternative. As a youngster we had freedom to wander as we pleased now that isn't an option for them.
45. Increased amenities within area, the mythical "Western Ward" swimming pool for a start.
46. Wicor recreation ground should be made nicer with toilets and more attractive plants.

Obesity

47. You have probably picked up on all the important issues it's the delivery of those issues that will be the challenge, some of the issues you have picked up on i.e. obesity in children would partly be resolved by improving sport facilities which is something the council could do, whether they could reduce child obesity is another question as parents have the lead role in that and not the council.
48. Supply external gym equipment for adults in local Parks. This will help fight obesity and is now common in other countries in EU and Asia.
49. Please could the Wicor recreation ground have public toilets and some more attractive planting?

Older people

50. Wellbeing and safety of older generation in their own environment.
51. Providing better care for the elderly by going back to council run care services rather than relying on poor standard private run care, in it for profit only.
52. The mental health of many older people (which Fareham has a large proportion) is at risk, a lot of it is sheer loneliness, even when people are in care homes. Paid (just a little) 'befriending' visitors would help a bit.

Walking to health

53. More information on paths etc available for walks.
54. Promoting the multitude of walks/trails around by mapping them effectively.
55. We have some of the best walks in the area and more young people need to be encouraged to see the area they live in to appreciate it. These need to be supervised as they will gain no respect if allowed to roam themselves initially.

HOUSING

Vision: A borough whose residents are all decently housed in homes that they can afford.

Rank	Priority issues	Replies	
		No.	%
5	Enabling older people to remain at home for as long as possible	200	31%
7	Providing more decent and affordable housing for local people	188	29%
19	Meeting the housing needs of vulnerable people	65	10%

Overall

1. The omission of reference to the Strategic Development Area is serious. The SDA will not just be catering for the housing needs of Fareham residents, and it should be made clear that the housing needs of other local authority districts will be catered for at the SDA – this has to be controlled with all the infrastructure implications for this borough.

The vision states that a minimum of 100 new affordable homes needs to be built every year – this requires that between one and two thousand should be built by 2020. According to the diktat of the South-East Plan 4,000 new affordable houses would be built at the SDA by 2016 over and above those built in the rest of Fareham.

This document is outlining the needs of Fareham's local residents and it is right that their housing needs are met. Housing for older people should be carefully designed and at present the choice is largely limited to rather small apartments. Slightly larger accommodation for early retirees would tempt them to leave their family homes, thus releasing that sought after element for younger families.

Efforts to encourage developers to build homes to suit the market would be welcomed.

It is the Society's view that under the "where do we want to be" section bullet point 5²³ should make reference to the owner/occupied sector which will still grow over the next eleven years in tandem with meeting the affordable housing needs. Both sectors should encourage good design and should be energy efficient and sustainable.

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²³ Bullet point 5: "ensure that all homes in the borough reach the decent homes standard and are energy efficient and sustainable."

Affordable housing

2. I feel that it is a good idea to provide more affordable housing for all ages of people in Fareham. But see no point in building them and then leaving them empty for years on end like the ones that were built on the Redlands pub site!!! These houses were advertised for the elderly but have remained empty since completion, why aren't we utilising them for other ages?? The council must have granted planning permission so must have thought they were needed but obviously not by the elderly!!!!
3. Too many executive type houses being built where the real need is for those who are at work but on low wages and cannot afford even the so called affordable houses. Do the council realise that real people still don't earn very high wages, not everyone works for air traffic control or highly paid workers at Whiteley, some people work really hard but still can't get on the property ladder. These people keep the borough going just as much as nurses, police and teachers. Please just think about the normal people of Fareham

Grants

4. Help for those unable to keep properties up to a reasonable standard on private estates.

House building

5. There is a great danger that the present push from government and town council to squeeze housing into every available square metre will implode as very little concern seems to be taken over the knock-on effect of these demands on roads, traffic flows and the general quality of life in the local environment where such buildings are taking place. The policy of giving only one parking space per unit is narrow as most units have more than one car. So the roads are used.
6. Stop building in back gardens it's busy enough as it is, and the roads are congested.
7. There are lots of new houses and flats being built. But there is a need for larger properties i.e. 4 bedroom detached properties to meet the needs of growing families.
8. Whilst it IS contained within the questionnaire, I would emphasise the importance of cutting down the amount of housing development. In Sarisbury Green, the Coldeast development has and will put a strain on the local infrastructure, diminished the woodland and hence wildlife, cause traffic congestion and chaos leading to motorist aggression and missed work deadlines. All in all a catastrophic nightmare.
9. Stop building houses in Lee on Solent.

10. 10,000 new homes... are you mad!! Fareham is a congested place as it is. To me it's becoming one big urban sprawl. Soon you will not notice where Southampton ends and Portsmouth starts. By all means use derelict and brown field space for affordable housing but for heaven's sake leave what green space we have in our area TOTALLY alone. Fareham has lost so much of its market town quaintness as it is. This has been exacerbated by criminally ugly developments like the new Court House.
11. The importance of suitable housing provision and its nature is not sufficiently stressed. As the base building block of successful communities access to good, flexible, well designed housing, sustainably constructed and sustainable in use is key to many of the issues raised. Joined up policy with regard to its delivery is therefore key. For example present planning policy and Councillor opinion positively encourages private vehicle use by insistence on excessive parking provision on new developments this "action" is polar opposite to the stressed requirement for greener travel within your document. How will this be tackled?, at present demands for cycle storage acts as some kind of green "fig leaf" regardless that such storage will be unused while car parking is supplied. Only joined up policy through-out the Councils areas of influence can deliver true sustainability, vested local and policy area interests tend to have made this impossible in the past. I wonder how you can tackle this now so that any resultant policy does not become the usual "10 minute talking shop" followed by no real action.
12. Housing stock is mostly good quality and adequate quantity, I am not aware of any significant homeless problem in the borough. Doubtless future development will put pressure on urban density and I am sure that we can all accept that, but try not to sacrifice quality in favour of quantity. There is a trend in local government in general that seems to believe that if a little does a little bit of good, then a lot must do a lot of good - and this is rarely the case.
13. By stopping building houses on every bit of open/green space in the borough people will not feel so crammed in, living in top of each other and arguing all the time, pinching bins, cars all parked on roads as small house with 5 cars, anti social behaviour and nowhere for kids to play and exercise. Nice big airfield with lots of potential and all they are going to do is cram more houses in. More traffic problems, overcrowding etc. I know the Council has to build a certain amount of houses, but it's about time they said no! When all of the open spaces have gone and no parks remain, what then, how will the Council cover adding more housing?
14. FAREHAM SOUTH: Less infilling with flats.
15. Reduce the amount of in-fill houses.
16. Stop all domestic building in the south Fareham area.

17. I think that there should be less houses and more leisure facilities as Fareham is becoming a concrete jungle.

Older people

18. Provision of an 'Abbeyfield' type housing for lonely people who are too old to cope alone regarding cooking / certain domestic chores but are still too active to contemplate moving into a full scale care home.