

# TOWNTALK

The newsletter from Fleet Town Council

December 2011

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| <b>DEC</b> |   |
| 7          | Town Council Meeting  |
| 12         | Planning Meeting  |
| 14         | Live & Unplugged at the Harlington                              |
| 17         | Comedy Night at the Harlington                                  |
| 19         | Policy and Finance Committee                                    |
| 21         | Christmas with the West<br>End Men in Concert at the Harlington |
| <b>JAN</b> |   |
| 4          | Town Council Meeting  |
| 9          | Planning Meeting  |
| 11         | Live & Unplugged at the Harlington                              |
| 18         | Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee                       |
| 16         | Policy and Finance Committee                                    |
| 21         | Comedy Night at the Harlington                                  |
| 23         | Planning Meeting  |
| 25         | Highways & Transport Committee                                  |

## IMPORTANT DATES for 2012

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| <b>MAR</b>  |  |
| 14          | Annual Town Meeting for Residents                |
| <b>APR</b>  |  |
| tba         | Town Centre Action Day                           |
| <b>JUNE</b> |  |
| 2-4 inc     | Carnival and Jubilee Celebrations                |
| <b>NOV</b>  |  |
| 3           | Lions Fireworks Display                          |
| 21          | Christmas Lights Switch-on and Fleet Festivities |

## What will Fleet be like in 2028? ...putting your views forward



In the last edition of Town Talk, we told you about the Hart District Council's Core Strategy which had been released for consultation.

The Core Strategy is a plan to decide how the local area will look in future years. This will include the number of houses to be built and their location, education, roads, medical provision, utilities, in fact, all the infrastructure necessary for the district.

To help us develop our response, we asked you to complete a questionnaire and tell us how you wanted Fleet to look in 2028. **And this you did—Thank you!**

We asked you:

- What level of further development do you think is appropriate for Fleet up to 2028?
- What is your view of the proposed housing developments?
- If new houses are built, how would you like to see the associated funding spent to improve the local infrastructure?
- What are your concerns about future housing development in Fleet?

We have now analysed the responses and, from these, there is a clear indication of what is important and what is less important to you. You told us

- You didn't want any further developments in Fleet
- The road infrastructure needed major improvement
- There is a serious lack of places in primary and secondary schools
- There should be a change of use for unused Commercial/industrial sites
- Local medical services needed improvement

Having consulted with you, the residents, the response put forward by the Town Council to Hart District Council on the Core Strategy (Preferred Approach) has been strengthened and hopefully will help Fleet become the town residents want in 2028.

Inside this issue you will find the results of the questionnaire and details of the Council's response.

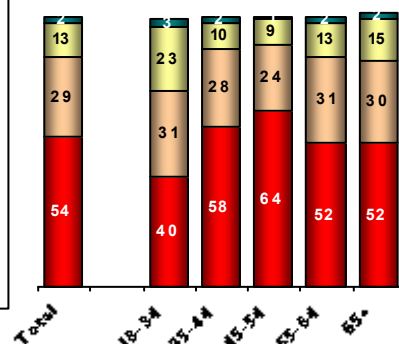
*Cllr Bob Schofield*—Chairman Fleet Town Council

## What you told us

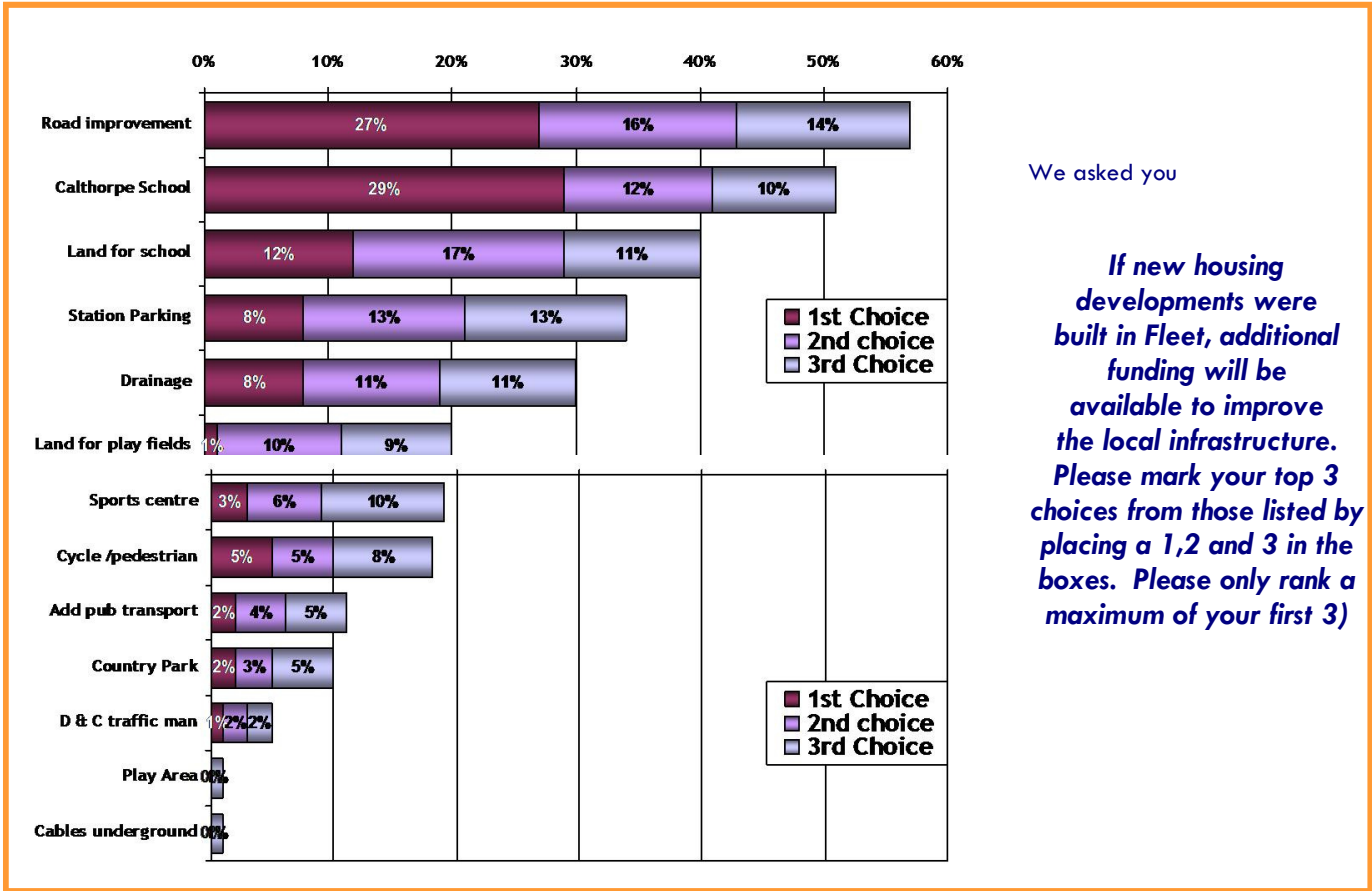
We asked you:

**What level of development do you think is appropriate for Fleet up to 2028?**

- More than 2832 homes
- Proposed 2832 homes
- Just 1420 scheduled
- No more development

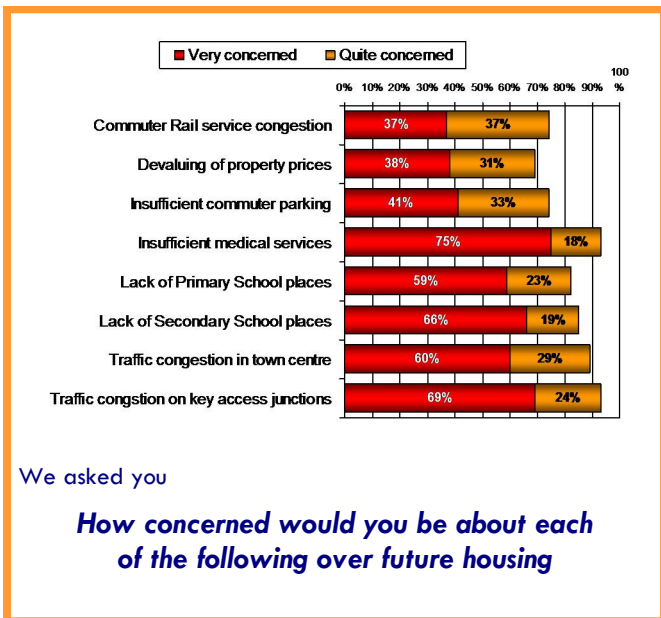


# What you told us . . . .(cont)



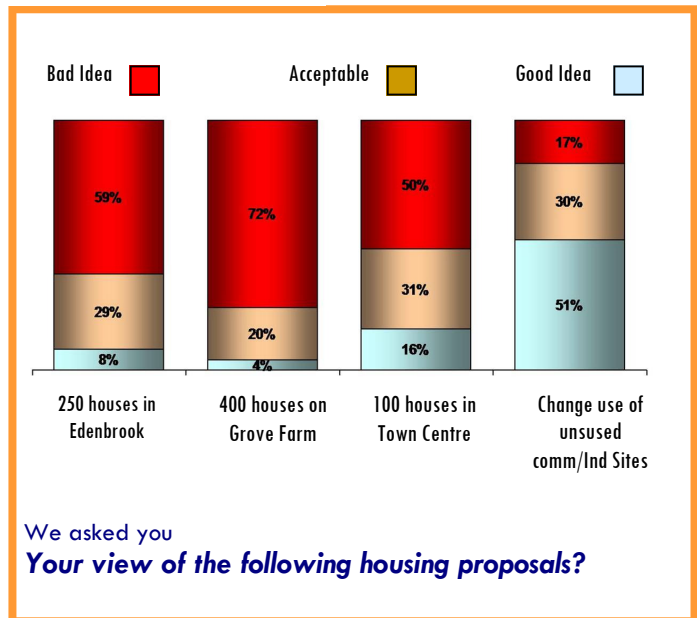
We asked you

*If new housing developments were built in Fleet, additional funding will be available to improve the local infrastructure. Please mark your top 3 choices from those listed by placing a 1,2 and 3 in the boxes. Please only rank a maximum of your first 3)*



We asked you

*How concerned would you be about each of the following over future housing*



We asked you

*Your view of the following housing proposals?*



**Fleet Town Council wishes you all a very happy Christmas**

## What you highlighted ...

- 1. The emphasis on road improvements and the deficit arising from previous developments was the number one concern for all residents and is not reflected by the responses re: traffic management improvements.**
- 2. Not surprisingly all issues around schools received greatest support from those with children under 10 or in the case of releasing land for school (a longer term project) by those with a child under 5.**
  - School places are already oversubscribed – particularly at secondary school level.
  - Concern over pupils from Fleet already having to travel outside the town
  - Some views that continually extending a large school was not ideal. A new additional school was preferred
- 3. As might be expected improvements in station parking received greatest support from those who commute by train, but even for this group the extension of Calthorpe Park School and road improvements were ranked higher.**
- 4. It was felt that a lack of medical services would be exacerbated by an increase in population.**
  - The current location of medical centres: not in town centre and difficult to access by public transport
  - Limited choice of medical centres
  - Limited or difficult parking at medical centres
- 5. There has been lots of development in Fleet already with little added to the infrastructure (particular mentions of Edenbrook)**
  - View that Fleet is now large enough and no further development should be allowed at risk of losing town Character
  - If any development has to happen **additional resources first** ahead of any further development
  - Many respondents expressed the view that Fleet has suffered from an infrastructure deficit e.g. traffic congestion, particularly in the Town Centre
  - Concerns were raised over the impact of additional traffic in West Fleet crossing the Town to the station and motorway
- 6. That continually expanding Fleet will lead to urban sprawl swallowing up small villages**

## What the Council has done with your views

It was evident that most people were against further development in the area. Fleet Town Council has responded to the consultation stating the District Council's strategy was not visionary, that it doesn't recognise all the major housing developments that have already gone on in and around Fleet, and that developments in nearby parishes also have a significant effect on Fleet, particularly with respect to traffic, secondary education and medical requirements.

One of the problems of developer funding for infrastructure is that it can only provide for the impact of new homes, and does not deal with existing problems. Under current planning legislation there is an existing shortfall in the District Council's 5 year housing supply, and the new National Planning Policy Framework is likely to make this shortfall even larger.

Councillors realise that this legislation will probably force the town into accepting some housing, but feel that continuing to place pressure on Fleet is not the answer. The Town Council believes that the only way forward in the long term is for the District to develop a new sustainable settlement (a new town), with its own infrastructure, which would not be reliant on expanding existing towns in Hart.

If we are forced to have some development, then appropriate infrastructure must be secured with the support and to the benefit of the community. This infrastructure must solve the problems related to increased traffic on roads, must provide additional education facilities, and should not neglect health care to the community.

## Pride in our Town and parks!



Over recent weeks, volunteers have been taking a pride in their town, painting benches, and generally giving the town a face lift. If you would like to join the next Pride in our Town Action Day in the Spring, email: [deputyclerk@fleettowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@fleettowncouncil.org.uk)

## What's new!

New play equipment for the under 12's has just been installed at Basingbourne Park.



**Wanted** members to join the Friends of Ancells Farm, Oakley, Basingbourne and Calthorpe Parks.  
Call 01252 625246  
for details of your local group

## Your Councillors

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# Who does what in Fleet

## Fleet Town Council

- Ancells Farm Community Centre
- Annual Town Meeting
- Cemeteries and burials
- Christmas Lights
- Grants
- The Harlington
- The Harlington Coffee Shop
- Notice Boards
- Parks & Play Equipment at: Oakley, Calthorpe, and Basingbourne Parks, Ancells Farm and The Views
- Pavilions at:  
Oakley Park, Basingbourne Park, Calthorpe Park and Ancells Farm
- Skate Park at the Views
- Sports courses
- Sports Development
- Tennis Courts—Calthorpe Park
- Tourism
- War Memorial

## Hart District Council

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Building Control
- Bus Permits
- CCTV
- Car Parks and Fines
- Council Tax Enquiries
- Electoral Registration
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Housing / Homelessness
- Leisure Centres
- Licensing
- Noise Pollution
- Pest Control
- Planning
- Recycling / Refuse / Special Collections
- Street Cleaning / Litter
- Taxi / Private Hire Licensing

## Hampshire County Council

- Education  
Pre-school, Infant, Junior  
Secondary, Further, Higher  
and Adult
- Environment
- Footways
- Highways
- Libraries
- Minerals
- Social Services—Adult, Children
- Street Lighting
- Trading Standards
- Transport
- Waste Disposal

## Useful Telephone Numbers .....

|                           |                     |  |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| Ancells Farm Com Centre   | 07702834701         | Hants County Council                   | 01962 841841        |
| Basingstoke Hospital      | 01256 473202        | <b>The Harlington &amp; Box Office</b> | <b>01252 811009</b> |
| Birth/Death/Marriage Reg  | 0845 6035637        | Hart District Council                  | 01252 622122        |
| Citizens Advice Bureau    | 01252 617922        | Hart Leisure Centre                    | 01252 629974        |
| Council Tax               | 01252 778003        | Hart Shopping Centre                   | 01252 811834        |
| Electoral Registration    | 01252 622122        | Hart Voluntary Action                  | 01252 815652        |
| Fleet Link Bus Service    | 0845 6024135        | Library                                | 0845 6035631        |
| <b>Fleet Town Council</b> | <b>01252 625246</b> | MP – James Arbuthnot                   | 01252 627473        |
| Frimley Park Hospital     | 01276 604604        | The Point Youth Club                   | 01252 812308        |
| Fleet Town Council        |                     | Police                                 | 0845 454545         |
| Tennis Courses            | 07713 505049        | Rubbish/special collections            | 01252 622122        |