

**Y-CAT meeting - Friday 10 May 2019**  
**Whiteley Community Centre, 7pm-8:30pm**

Attendance – 50 young people  
Councillors – Cllr Woodward, Cllr Bell, Cllr Mrs Hockley

**Introduction**

This meeting focussed on the Local Plan and gave young people the opportunity to talk about new developments and homes in the Borough.

Young people were asked to vote for what they think the priorities should be to support new developments. Options included:

- More schools and colleges
- Better transport links
- Creating more job opportunities (such as business parks)
- More health centres or GPs surgeries
- Sport and leisure facilities

The group were also asked to mark on a map where they think the best areas are for new homes to be built and which areas of green space should be protected from being built on in the future.

**Questions**

**Q. There aren't enough police in Portchester and there is a lot of crime and drugs.**

A. The whole country doesn't have enough officers. Council tax bill includes money that pays for police which has gone up a lot this year. There will be around an extra 350 police officers in Hampshire, with about half dozen extra in Fareham.

**Q. The traffic going into Whiteley is really bad.**

A. The shopping centre is bigger than Whiteley needs, people come from wide area and bring loads of traffic. Motorways are going to be made wider to accommodate more cars.

**Q. How are we going to prevent pollution with more houses and cars?**

A. Cars getting cleaner now, with more getting electric cars reducing pollution. We will make sure there's as much open space as possible and trees at new developments.

**Q. Add more affordable housing?**

A. With the extra houses built in Fareham we need to make sure some are affordable houses so rent will be lower and people have the possibility to part buy part rent a house. 30 per cent of new houses will be affordable.

**Q. How will wildlife be protected?**

A. Towards Botley there are lots of lengths of polythene to catch reptiles which will be put somewhere safe so they will be rescued. For deer, badgers and foxes there are corridors through developments that they can use. There is lots of woodland still in Whiteley.

**Q. Why are there no healthy takeaways in Fareham?**

A. Because lots of people go into the fast food places so demand is there. Fast Food places do have healthy options. There are lots of cafes in Fareham with healthy food.

**Q. Are bus and cycle lanes going to be increased in Portchester and Fareham?**

A. The roads aren't wide enough to add in extra bus lanes. There are lots of cycle lanes in Fareham and Whiteley but cyclists use the road. New developments will include cycleways.

**Q. Last bus home to Fareham is 7pm. There is not enough evening transport.**

A. If the buses don't get used enough then the bus company takes them off. Not many people use buses in the evening and no bus can run at a loss.

**Q. Do you agree with part buy part rent?**

A. Yes it's good way of making houses affordable. It's called shared equity, so you can buy more of house eventually. It's a good idea to help younger people.

**Q. Could we have WiFi hotspots in Fareham and Portchester?**

A. Wifi is provided in Fareham shopping centre.

**Q. Can there be more street lights in Whiteley?**

A. We don't light big areas as it can cause anti-social behaviour. Hampshire County council are saving energy by turning down lights at night from 1am-4am.

**Q. Will there be any events for young people over summer?**

A. Access All Areas will be running over the summer holidays for 11-16 year olds. Activities will take place across Fareham and will include inflatable pool parties, segways, driving and scuba. Registration will open towards the end of June.

**Q. There is lots of littering in Fareham. What can be done to help?**

A. FBC provide hundreds of litter bins across the borough. Lots of litter is dropped around schools. Around £1m is spent of picking up rubbish. This includes dog fouling.

**Q. Could a gate be installed at the woods by Yew Tree/Gull Coppice to stop dogs running across the road?**

A. We will look into this and see if it's something we can help with.

**Q. Will there be any more doctor's surgeries in Whiteley?**

A. Unfortunately no more doctor's surgeries are planned even though more houses are being built.

**Q. Are they reopening smaller practices in Fareham?**

A. Some are same day access service and they are hoping others will do the same.

**Q. How do you build self-build house?**

A. Developers sell plots of land where you can buy something planned and built for you or you can find a builder to design own house.

**Q. Can we get more lighting at the community centre and football pitches?**

A. We light footpaths and areas around buildings but not near open spaces as it can attract people gathering and anti-social behaviour.

**Q. Can you increase litter and dog bins?**

A. Bins take both litter and dog waste. If a new bin is needed then we can look at this and decide if needed.

**Q. Can we get another or bigger skate park?**

A. Fareham has already paid for a skate park in Whiteley. You would need to ask Winchester if they are putting any in at the new development.

**Q. There is only one youth session for us, can we have more?**

A. Y-services received funding from HCC and FBC this year to provide services. Young people can think about fundraising ideas if they want to do more.

**Q. Will there be another school in Whiteley?**

A. Cornerstone School is moving and another primary and secondary school will be built.