

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Key findings from the New Community North of Fareham Options Consultation (2 - 31 July 2012)

- Much of the concern for the New Community North of Fareham (NCNF) centred on perceived traffic impacts, primarily around junctions 10 and 11 of the M27. There were concerns that proposals which included land around J11 would cause significant capacity issues to this junction, together with environmental impacts to Portsdown Hill.
- Concerns were also raised on the traffic impacts of junction 10 and its ability to cope with the level of additional traffic, even if it is upgraded to an 'all-moves' junction. The general increase in the level of traffic on the A32 and on surrounding local roads was also a concern to communities surrounding the NCNF, particularly those in north Fareham and Funtley. These concerns predominantly related to traffic congestion, rat-running, road safety and air and noise pollution.
- There was concern over the lack of a formal traffic assessment to support the transport options and the insufficient consideration of rail access for the NCNF.
- Physical self-containment of the NCNF was a concern for many people, with surrounding communities (Funtley, Wickham and north Fareham) worried about the [lack-of a] physical gap with the NCNF and the additional noise pollution that may arise from it.
- Economic self-containment was also a concern, with the worry that the level of employment provision (jobs) being proposed will not come forward or that NCNF residents will continue to work elsewhere. This would therefore lead to a high level of daily outward commuting from the NCNF causing further traffic impacts on the A32 and local roads (similar to the traffic problems at Whiteley).
- Many people like the idea of the NCNF being self-sustaining so that it complements Fareham and does not detract from it, or compete with it. Furthermore, they like that it will offer improved access to services for the communities in Knowle and Funtley. However the concern is that once developed, the NCNF district centre will pull trade away from both Fareham and Wickham.
- There are concerns over the timing and level of infrastructure provision for the NCNF, with a particular worry that most infrastructure will not be provided until later in the development, causing the overuse of existing local facilities.
- There was some confusion and a lack of understanding of what the proposed housing densities would look like in reality.
- Concerns over the loss of a large area of open fields.