

Creating a Cleaner, Greener, Safer Enham

# FOCUS



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## ENHAM LIB DEMS LAUNCH AFFORDABLE HOMES CAMPAIGN



In the field behind Lib Dem County Councillor and Focus Team member Robin Hughes pictured left will be some of the 2500 new homes that will be built in the Parish. Robin Hughes and Len Gates fought a long campaign in ensuring that Smannell did not lose out from this massive development known as a the East Anton MDA.

The deal has now been done and work is about to start changing the face of Smannell & Enham Parishes for ever. However, our work has not stopped, under the planning act developers can be made to pay to pay for certain improvements to the Parish such as Roads, Schools, Playing Fields and communications.

Lib Test Valley Councillor Len Gates has already started the campaign to secure funding for ensuring that 21<sup>st</sup> century broadband telephony is extended to Smannell, Little London and Enham.

Smannell Lib Dems want to go one step further so that people young and old who live in the parish or cannot afford to live in the Parish benefit from this massive investment. Smannell Lib Dems secured through tough discussions with Test Valley a whopping 40% of the new houses as affordable homes either for rent or part ownership. This is agreed and a signed deal.

What Smannell Lib Dems wish to see in the planning agreement that the allocation of affordable & rental homes which benefits those resident, or who work or have a connection with Smannell, Enham and the ward. The homes will transfer to a Housing Association once they are built. This agreement would ask that the allocation of these houses looks favourably on those who live, work or have connections with the parishes or area.

The architect of this scheme is Parish Councillor Nigel Gooding. Nigel who was a Parish Councillor in Devon at the time a similar scheme was agreed and 12 shared ownership and rental properties were allocated to people of all ages who either lived or worked in the Village.

### The scheme would work as follows:

The affordable/rental housing on the MDA would be allocated first and foremost on the basis of need then we ask that the Housing Association allocate those affordable/rental houses in the following order.

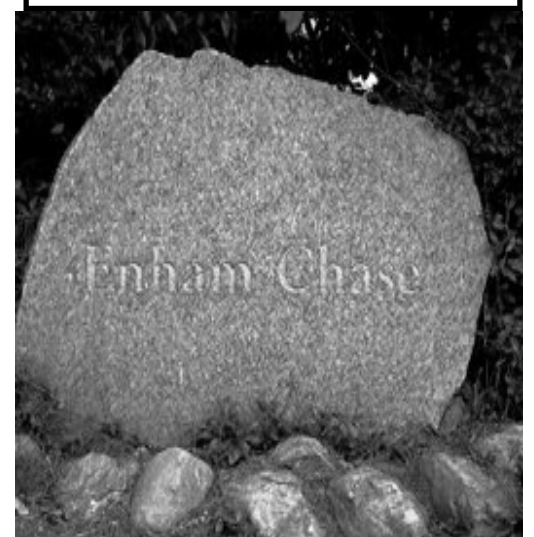
- Those who have lived in Smannell, Enham or Andover Enham Ward for the last 3 years
- Those who work in Smannell, Enham or Andover Enham Ward for the last 3 years
- Those with a family connection to Smannell, Enham or Andover Ward

Test Valley Borough Local Councillor, Len Gates said "the high costs of homes in Smannell, Enham and Andover Enham Ward has meant that those born and raised here can no longer afford to live in the Parish or Ward in which they were born. This scheme helps young and old and for the first time gives local people a chance to remain in the area"

Nigel Gooding said "the starting point is that people need to register themselves with Test Valley Council Housing that will define the need for the local area. As someone who was born in a Council House I understand the real pressures on people young and old seeking an affordable property whether part purchase or rental. Once people are on the housing list and we are successful with our campaign we hope they will stand a real chance of remaining in the ward or returning to the place they were born"

### Our work since the last Focus:

- CANGO bus link to railway station secured
- Numerous pot hole reported and repaired in parish.
- Street signs audit undertaken reported around Parish
- Residents concerns over more development fed-back to Test Valley planners following the "map the gap" campaign
- Bourne Park Airfield planning application challenged



County Councillor Robin Hughes is one step nearer in agreeing the adoption of **Enham Chase**, here is the update from the Hampshire County Council officer managing the project.

"Swan Hill Homes have indeed replaced the lamps I referred to in my previous e-mail. I am not aware of any outstanding issues on-site that would prevent adoption. The appropriate paperwork needs to be completed and the site will be formally adopted soon after."

**Number crunching: £141000 the value spent on bottled water at Hampshire CC HQ's, enough said!**

## ENHAM STREET AUDIT

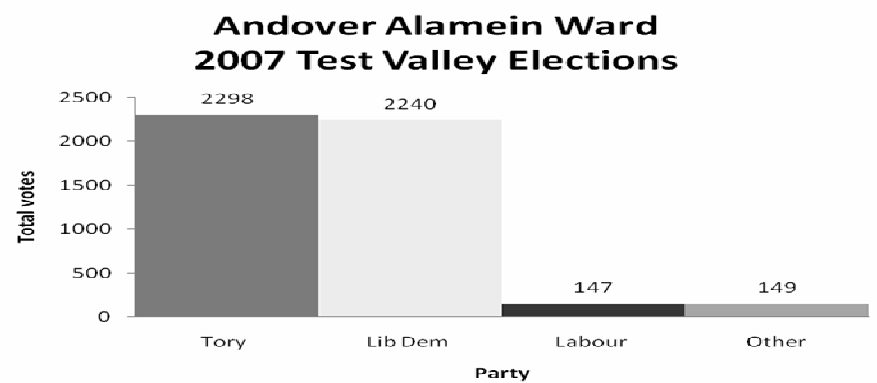
Following on from the success of the Smannell Lib Dem Street Scene Audit which resulted in new signs and clean signs in the Smannell Parish Council patch, the Smannell and Enham Lib Dems have moved their attention to Enham. It is clear that Tory led Hampshire Highways who have £125 million in reserves have been neglecting Enham as much as Smannell.

The sign pictured right is in Macallum Road has clearly been neglected for years. It is covered in a green slime. The 30 MPH sign opposite Cedar House is pointing and facing in the wrong direction and is clearly meant for the cows in the adjacent field. The rest are filthy and covered in Mildew.

The negative appearance attracts vandalism and gives those intent on doing further damage, doing just that. The organisation who runs the "keep Britain Tidy Group" has issued guidance for local authorities on the reasons why it is important to look after street furniture. County Councillor **Robin Hughes** who masterminded the campaign in Smannell has reported the street scene audit to Hampshire Highways and is pressing for action. We will update you in the next FOCUS



## *It is a 2 horse race Labour cannot win here*



Enham Alamein is soon to get its 30mph speed limit thanks to nearly 13 years of campaigning by Liberal Democrats working with and on behalf of local residents. Councillor Robin Hughes welcomed the publication of the traffic regulation notices that have been posted this week in the Andover Advertiser.

Since being elected 1994 Robin has worked tirelessly for a reduction in the speed limit, and last April Robin was able to secure Enham Alamein's inclusion in the 30mph Village Speed limit initiative programme



**GREEN BUS LINK ANDOVER STATION SECURED:** The campaign launched just last month by Parish and District Councillors Nigel Gooding and Len Gates (pictured left at Little London Cango stop) to provide a daytime link from Smannell and Enham to Andover Railway station has been successful. Hampshire County Council took some persuading by County Councillor Robin Hughes but we are pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing a daytime link to Andover Railway Station. Hampshire County Council need some time to update the booking software & online timetables. Once that is complete we will have the full link to the railway station on CANGO bus C3 route. More details check out our next Focus or our visit web-blog

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I would like to help deliver FOCUS in my area

I will display a poster at election time

I would like to talk to you about the following issues:

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