

We will fight tooth and nail against this 'insane' plan to build 6,500 homes

WELBORNE

Funtley Village Society recently held a successful and well-attended meeting on November 18 to discuss the Welborne plans.

It was attended by more than 70 residents and supporters from in and around Funtley.

For more information on the society and Welborne visit funtleyvillagesociety.org.uk/

Elaine and Andy Tower, from the Funtley Village Society, give their view on the plans to build a new town called Welborne nearby

Funtley Village Society has re-formed to fight tooth and nail against the insane plan to build Welborne, an estate of 6,500 houses on prime agricultural land north of Funtley.

This sprawling urban conurbation will swallow up all the land between Funtley, north up to Wickham and west to Knowle village, an area the size of Petersfield.

Fareham Borough Council leader Sean Woodward and his planners have been touring with the Community Action Teams (CATs) for the past few years telling everyone that if we don't build Welborne then every pocket of green space between Fareham and Gosport will be filled by houses.

We don't believe this is correct.



VISIT Planning minister Nick Boles MP with Fareham Borough Council leader Sean Woodward in May this year in one of the fields where Welborne is planned to be built

Proposed developments in the strategic gap between Fareham and Stubbington show that the council is powerless to stop developers

infilling patches of green space with houses.

The council states that Fareham desperately needs 6,500 houses but a Freedom

of Information request indicates that there are only 2,300 people on the housing waiting list in the entire Fareham area, which stretches from Portchester in the east to Park Gate in the west.

Welborne is the answer to Hampshire's housing need, not Fareham's.

Recent meteorological events: floods, damaging winds, power outages, etc. show that concreting over an area of this size, on higher ground than Funtley sits on, will cause catastrophic damage to our village and the 13,000 extra vehicles will clog our already-congested roads completely.

We, along with our fellow residents in Knowle, Wallington and Wickham, are vehemently against the building of Welborne and we are fighting Mr Woodward with every tool at our disposal.

We have made small gains; we have got the originally proposed 10,000 houses cut to circa 6,500.

Next year there will be a planning inspectorate inquiry into the feasibility of this ludicrous project.