

# Give us a referendum on plans to build a new town next to our village

**FUNTLEY VILLAGE SOCIETY**

The Funtley Village Society has set up a website for residents to see its work. It can be found at [funtlevillagesociety.org.uk](http://funtlevillagesociety.org.uk).

If you would like to contact the group about membership of the society or would like to contribute something to the website then email [info@funtlevillagesociety.org.uk](mailto:info@funtlevillagesociety.org.uk)

Ruth Saunders, from the Funtley Village Society, makes a plea to Fareham's council leader over the proposed development of Welborne

WELL, hasn't it rained! Everyone's talking about it aren't they?

But you see here in Funtley, it's not that unusual to have our back gardens ankle deep in water, or to see the main road with streams of water running down it, or the River Meon burst its banks just down the road from us.

It's also not unusual for us to have power cuts (on Christmas Eve it was for 17 hours!). Just the other weekend we had yet another traffic accident on the road through our village as cars try to fit through our narrow bit of road which equates to a single lane with cars parked down one side.

But again it's not that unusual.

You see we're used to it here, but we still love our village and the community



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Flooding in Funtley

spirit we have nurtured over the years.

So can you imagine how we felt when the council announced it was going to build 10,000 houses on the beautiful green fields behind us. No-one in the village was consulted.

Council leader Sean Woodward would have you believe that a 'democratic' process was used to determine where

the town would be.

Hardly democratic through is it, when those most greatly affected weren't even asked? (He told us, it was the fault of Royal Mail).

So again, you won't be surprised to hear that in the most recent survey, yet again we can't find anyone in Funtley that actually received the 'random' survey. Strange that, isn't it?

This development is being planned with scant regard to the problems it will cause i.e. the destruction of green fields, wildlife, more traffic congestion, unproven infrastructure and of course additional flooding.

I would ask Cllr Woodward to give us a democratic referendum on the decision, with clear, honest facts to help us all decide.