



# FOCUS

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## SHOCK NEWS FOR OUR AREA 2750 Houses Given Green Light



Green Belt - under threat

Our worst fears have been confirmed by the publication of the Examination in Public of the Regional Spatial Strategy. This will effectively give the go ahead for 2,750 homes and for land to be allocated for employment purposes in the Upton area.

These recommendations have been submitted to Government Minister, Hazel Blears, who will consider the Panel report and representations previously submitted and aim to publish her proposed changes in Spring 2008. There will be a 12 week period of public consultation where representations from organisations and the public will be invited. Following consideration of these representations the Secretary of State is expecting to publish the final RSS in Autumn 2008.

Development in this area was opposed by all our local councils, many local residents and by Annette Brooke MP. She said "this is an appalling blow for local democracy and our area. Issues such as infrastructure and our inadequate local roads, encroachment into our green belt and flood plain issues have been totally ignored. Despite the fact that representations are not invited upon the Panel report at this stage I shall write to the Secretary of State directly"

The 2,750 houses are to be located in North East Purbeck with significant implications for Upton, Lytchett Matravers and Lytchett Minster IN an area currently afforded protection by Green Belt policy. A further 2,400 dwellings are also proposed for the rest of Purbeck.



### SURGERIES

ANNETTE BROOKE MP'S NEXT SURGERY WILL BE IN LYTCHETT MATRAVERS LIBRARY ON SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 10-12 NOON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR THIS SESSION OR AN ALTERNATIVE SURGERY PLEASE RING : 01202 693555. CLLR FRED DRANE CAN BE FOUND IN THE LIBRARY EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 4-6PM.

### County Council Threaten Closure of Day Centres

Last year Dorset County Council was stopping people with moderate needs from attending Day Centres - now they are proposing closures because of 'low occupancy'.

Councillor Fred Drane is outraged at these further cuts in services for vulnerable residents and successfully proposed a motion at Purbeck District Council to oppose them.

Next year Dorset County Council will be receiving an increase of 11.8% in formula grant from Central Government. It should make sure it is giving support to our most vulnerable residents.



Outraged - Annette Brooke MP & Cllr Fred Drane



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# Welcome to Nick Clegg - Our New Leader

Nick Clegg has been named as the new Leader of the Liberal Democrats and has now set out his vision for the party as the newly elected Lib Dem Leader.

Nick said "Firstly, I want to say thank you to members who have voted me Leader of the Liberal Democrats. This is a very exciting time to be Leader of our Party".

Nick continued: "my three main priorities as Leader are: to support Britain's families so every child gets the best start in life, to take real action to tackle crime, and to improve our NHS so it delivers the care people need".

Local MP Annette Brooke commented: "Nick Clegg will be an excellent Leader. As a spokesperson for Children and Schools I am thrilled that our new Leader is putting Britain's families and education at the forefront of the Liberal Democrat agenda and look forward to this new and exciting time".

## STOP PRESS! Post Office UPDATE



Consultation on possible post office closures for our area has been put back to July 2008 - the summer holiday period!

We shall keep you informed.

3,500 post offices were closed under the Conservatives and already over 4,000 post offices have been closed under Labour, with a further 2,500 planned.

The Liberal Democrats are committed to doing our utmost to save local post offices.



Annette Brooke MP & Cllrs Fred Drane & Michael Peacock discuss reduced cuts.

## Lytchett Library Update

As reported in our Summer Focus last year, the Tory led County Council was proposing the closure of our local Library, despite heavy campaigning against the proposal by Annette Brooke MP and Cllrs Fred Drane, Michael Peacock and the Parish Council.

There is now better news, as after much protesting Lytchett Library is not facing the same level of cuts as some other libraries and is supported by an excellent Friends Group.

The County Council however, is contemplating a very expensive IT system to support the work of volunteers - Annette Brooke MP questions whether this is a good idea given its previous record on IT systems?

## Working for You

If we can help you with a problem in our area, please contact us today using the details below :

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I will display a poster in my window at election time

I will deliver my road once a month

I would like to join the Lib Dems