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Memorial Ground was meant for all

Sir, – The lead story in last week's Farnham Herald announced the Mayor of Farnham's delighted view that the Memorial Ground, an open space given to the residents of the town by Farnham United Breweries after the Great War for recreational and sporting use, is "an ideal site for housing", adding that she didn't believe "the covenants (protecting the use of the ground for recreational and sporting use) are insurmountable and I hope it's going to succeed".

Our mayor's apparently irresponsible abrogation of her role in ensuring the protection of such an important area of recreational space near the centre of town that wasn't just intended to be the sole preserve of Farnham Town FC is utterly unbelievable and should be treated with the contempt it deserves.

But to top it off, the front page photograph next to the lead story has the same councillor struggling to support an enormous chocolate Easter egg for the Lion's Appeal in aid of the Kent Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance.

The previous week's front page photograph had the mayor struggling yet again, but this time with an enormous cake and appearing to suggest, rather like Marie-Therese, "let them eat cake" (or more accurately "Qu'ils mangent de la croûte de pâtê").

This week, the NHS announced its project for 10 "Healthy New Towns".

Whitehill and Bordon is in the select list and we might now imagine why Farnham is not included.

With a diet of cake and chocolate promoted by our Mayor and the lack of exercise through her formal support to concrete over the Memorial Ground, we may need that air ambulance sooner than she thinks.