

There is an existing outline planning permission for a retirement community, comprising 404 retirement homes, a nursing home and associated facilities on part of the site. Details of this scheme (the reserved matters), were submitted to the Council in 2000.

However, with the expectation that a new scheme for the wholesale redevelopment of the site would be approved (e.g. the previously 325 unit scheme), the reserved matters details have never been determined.



Since the previous 325 unit scheme was refused, Haylink has given careful consideration to the reserved matters details. However, we recognise that since these were submitted, circumstances on the site have changed. These include the discovery of a fort; the listing of gates, railings and lamp standards; and the placing of a tree preservation order on a large number of trees.

Whilst we could progress with the original reserved matters details from 2000, we felt that we could come up with a much better detailed scheme which would allow us to take these recent changes into

consideration, while also respecting existing constraints on the site. We have taken legal advice on amending these detail, which confirms that *“not only is an amendment of the reserved matters application possible, it is desirable”*.

Therefore, Haylink has recently amended the reserved matters details for the retirement village on part of the site. This will ensure that some form of development can take place on the site within the not too distant future if the new Master Plan is not brought forward.