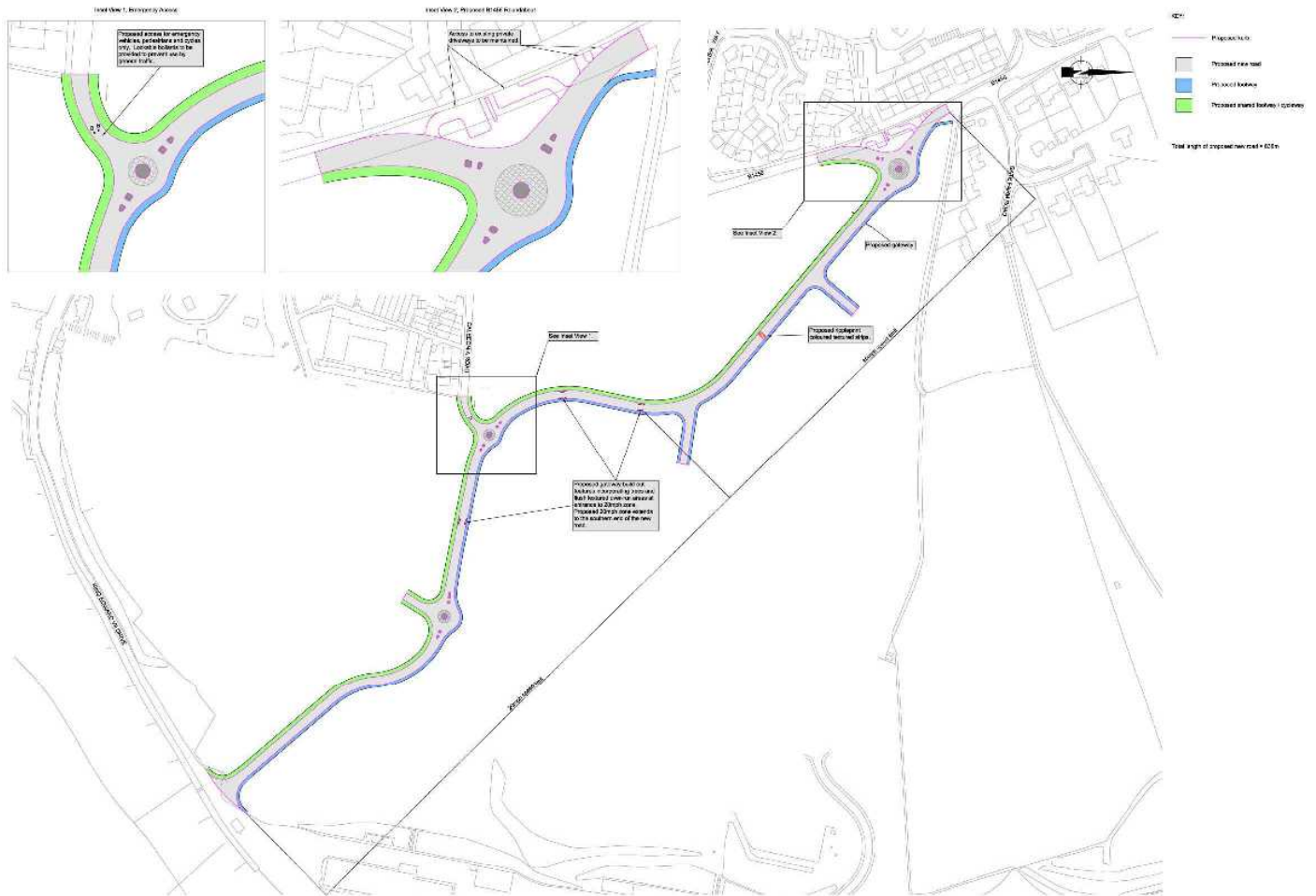


Haylink has recently submitted a full planning application for a new roundabout and road through the former HMS Ganges site, which will link the B1456 at Main Road to Shotley Marina and the 162 houses which have planning permission there.

As the former HMS Ganges site is yet to be redeveloped, it is not currently accessible to the public. Therefore, at present, the only access for residents of the new housing in Shotley Marina is from the B1456 at Bristol Hill to King Edward VII Drive via Queen Victoria Drive.



The Council recognised that access to the marina was limited when granting planning permission for the development of the marina housing scheme. Therefore, a number of conditions were imposed which required a new roundabout and road to be created directly through the former HMS Ganges site.

Haylink's application will enable these conditions to be met and importantly, provide public access to the former HMS Ganges site, including local pedestrian and cycle access. The proposed new road is 838 metres (m) long (approximately the length of seven football pitches), with a 6.5m wide carriageway. A 2.0m footway is proposed on the north side of the new road; a 3.0m shared footway / cycleway is proposed on the south side of the new road.

The proposed new road will divert traffic currently routing through Shotley Gate village to the marina; this will provide particular relief during the busier summer months.

The design principles of the new road and roundabout have been discussed and agreed with Suffolk County Council's highway officers.

The road design includes traffic calming measures (not speed humps) to keep vehicle speeds down and create a safe environment. The design has undergone a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit to ensure that safety issues have been taken into full consideration.