

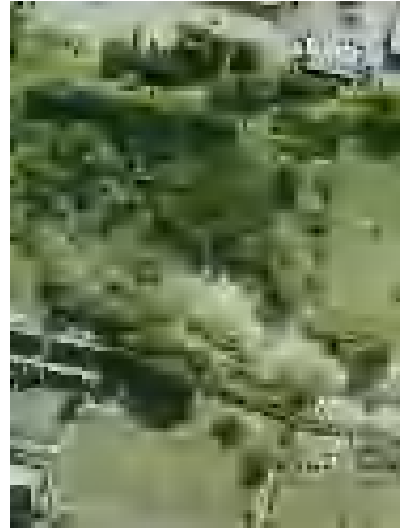
The former HMS Ganges site contains a number of surviving historic and landscape features, which provide a connection with its former military use and also contribute to its special character.

Haylink Ltd is keen to not only preserve those features that have been recognised as being of special historic importance, but also to improve their presentation so that they can be enjoyed by future residents and visitors alike.

Our approach to the historic environment is reflected in the following proposals:



■ The Martello Tower L, which was built during the Napoleonic War, will be conserved and its setting enhanced through the clearance of scrub and poor quality 20th century buildings.



■ Remains of Shotley Fort, which dates from the mid-19th century and survives only partially above ground, will be preserved and managed within an area of open space set aside for nature conservation. A full management plan will also be submitted with the new Master Plan



■ The ceremonial mast of the former HMS Ganges, which is a Grade II listed structure, will remain a key focal point within the site, providing connectivity not only with the other historic features, but also with its naval heritage.



■ The gates, gate piers, railings and lamp standards at the former Caledonia Road entrance, which are also Grade II listed, will be retained and their setting improved through the provision of a new link road to Bristol Hill.

Q: Do you have any alternative views on Haylink's proposals for the conservation of the designated structures on the former HMS Ganges site?