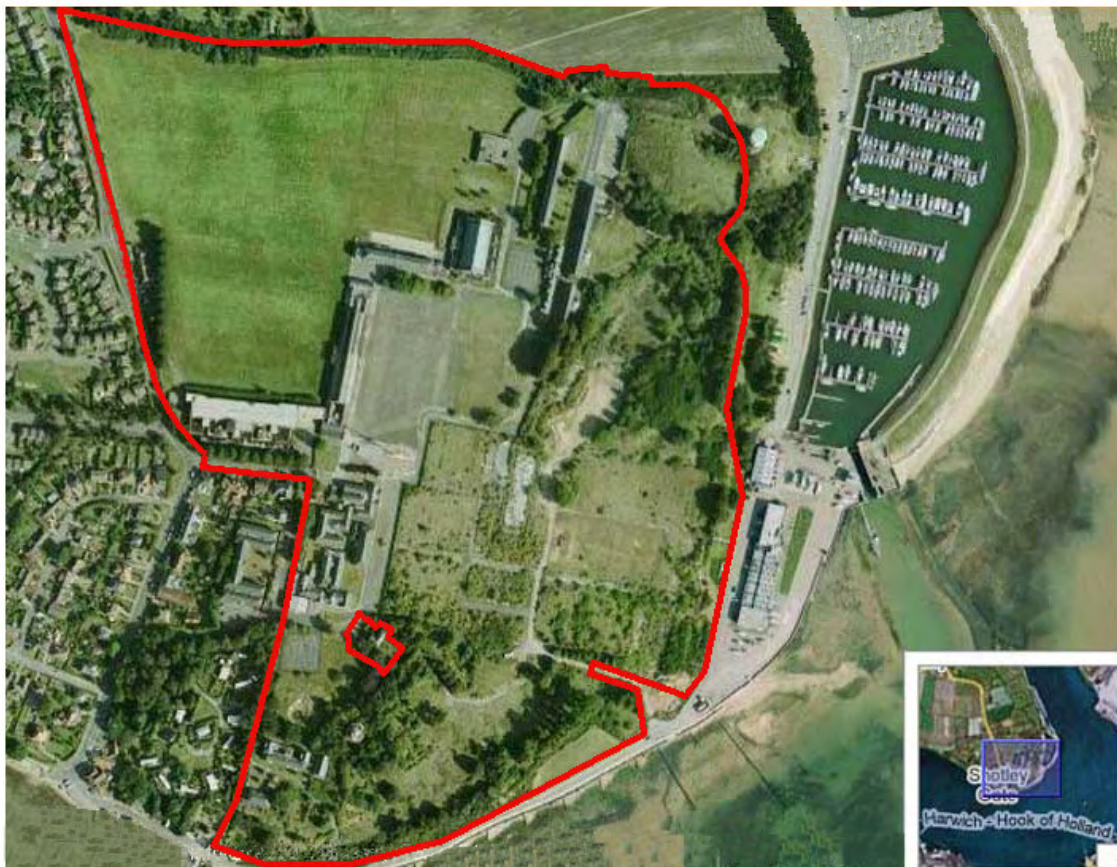


Welcome to Haylink Ltd's Second Stage Public Exhibition on the redevelopment of the former HMS Ganges site.

Thank you for visiting Haylinks's Second Stage Public Exhibition on our Masterplan for the former HMS Ganges site.

The Masterplan for the site has been developed in response to your comments at the First Stage Public Exhibition, which took place on Friday 10th August 2007 and Saturday 11th August 2007.

This was very well attend with almost 200 people signing the attendance list and approximately 40 people returning comments forms/ letters. We have sought to incorporate residents' feedback into the Masterplan where possible.



Background

For those residents who are not aware of the background to the former HMS Ganges site, Haylink acquired the former HMS Ganges site in Autumn 2000 and submitted a planning application for its wholesale redevelopment in June 2003. This initially sought the erection of 500 homes, together with shops, business space, public open space, access and internal roads. Haylink subsequently reduced the number of homes to 325 at the request of the Council and committee members resolved to grant planning permission for the scheme. Notwithstanding this decision, the application was called in by the Secretary of State in July 2005, who went on to refuse it in July 2006 following a Public Inquiry.

Since this time, we have given careful consideration to the issues arising from the previous 325 unit scheme and the

Public Inquiry in establishing a way forward to ensure that the site is not left undeveloped and have submitted the following:

- A certificate of lawful use application to establish the permitted use of the site.
- A stand-alone application for a road through the site to link the B1456 main road to the Shotley Marina.
- An amendment to the reserved matters details pursuant to the outline planning permission for a retirement village on part of the site

The purpose of the current proposals for a new masterplan is to provide a viable alternative to the reserved matters scheme with the aim of meeting residents' aspirations for the site, whilst also ensuring that the development is viable.

