

Haylink recognise that there are a number of historic and landscape features on the site, which provide a connection with its former military use and contribute to its special character. The First Stage Public Exhibition highlighted residents' desire to retain as many of these historic structures as possible.

Haylink are keen to preserve those features that have been recognised as being of special historic importance as well as improving their presentation so that they can be enjoyed by future residents and visitors alike. This is reflected through the following proposals:



- 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 scheme.



- 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.



- The ceremonial mast of the former HMS Ganges, which is a Grade II listed building, 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.

It is intended to provide viewing areas sympathetically positioned adjacent to these historical features incorporating benches, litter bins and information boards.

