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

This public exhibition is designed to set out our intentions for the site and to give people the opportunity to comment on our new Master Plan.

Our aim is to meet residents' aspirations for the site whilst also ensuring that the development is viable. A fundamental part of this approach is to provide a high quality development as an extension to Shotley Village, which will also bring benefits to the surrounding area.

Background

Haylink acquired the former HMS Ganges site in Autumn 2000 and subsequently put together a planning application for its wholesale redevelopment. We submitted this application in June 2003; initially seeking the erection of 500 homes, together with shops, business space, public open space, access and internal roads. During the application process we reduced the numbers 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.

Therefore, we have submitted the following:

- A certificate of lawful use application to establish the permitted use of the site.
- A full application for a new roundabout and road through the site to link the B1456 at Main Road to 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 new Master Plan which we are currently developing and seek your views on is to provide a viable alternative to the reserved matters scheme.