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H 574/82 SEABROOK

Coast Cottage
149 Sandgate High Street
Nr Folkestone, Kent CT20 3DA

Provisioned Order for Lee

3 August 1987

Construction handover will
regulation of a Pier or Jetty

MT 10 414

H. 8403/84 SANDGATE Jurisdiction of Board of
Trade in respect of Sandgate Castle, acquired by
South Eastern Railway Company, relates solely
to Foreshore below High Water Mark

MT 10 326

H 3573/81 SANDGATE Complaint by Royal
National Lifeboat Institution about unauthorized removal
of materials from foreshore, warning notice posted.

MT 10 165. H. 297/74. FOLKESTONE. Obstruction
to navigation. Sunk wreck near Sandgate.
Marker buoy placed.

SEABROOK PIER OR JETTY.

(CONSTRUCTION of a PIER or JETTY, in the PARISH of NEWINGTON, in the BOROUGH of HYTHE, in the COUNTY of KENT, and other works connected therewith, Power to Levy Tolls, Duties, and Charges, Power to Borrow Money, and to vary or extinguish existing rights, if any.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

THAT Application is intended to be made to the Board of Trade for a Provisional Order, pursuant to the provisions of the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act, for all or some of the following purposes, that is to say,

(A.) To authorise the Promoters to make and maintain with all proper conveniences and adjuncts connected therewith, the following works in the parish of Newington, in the Borough of Hythe, aforesaid, or upon the shore and bed of the sea adjoining thereto, in connection with the Sea Wall and Promenade, lately constructed by the Seabrook Estate Company, Limited, in the said parish of Newington, that is to say:-

A Pier or Jetty with approaches and other works and conveniences commencing on the Southern side of the said Sea Wall opposite a Road now being constructed from the Hythe and Sandgate Road to the said Sea Wall, about four hundred and thirty yards to the Eastward of a building situate on the said Sea Wall and called "The Seabrook Hotel," and extending from the said Sea Wall in a Southerly direction for a distance of six hundred and forty feet or thereabouts.

And all such breakwaters, spurs, groynes, revetments, jetties, and other works in connection with the said Pier or Jetty, in the said parish of Newington, or upon the shore or bed of the Sea adjoining to the same respectively, as may from time to time be considered necessary by the promoters, for the protection, support, or improvement of the said Pier or Jetty, or the shore, beach, or land adjoining, or near to the same, and as may be sanctioned or approved of by the Board of Trade.

And to authorise the promoters to deviate from the line and levels of the proposed works as shown upon the plans and sections hereinafter referred to within the limits of deviation shown upon the said plans, or as may be prescribed by the Provisional Order, and to have, use, and exercise all such other powers, rights, authorities, and privileges, as may be necessary or proper for enabling them to execute, support, maintain, repair, and improve all or any of the said intended works.

(B.) To levy Tolls, Rates, Charges, and Duties, at or in respect of the said Pier or Jetty, and other Works, and to confer, vary, or extinguish exemptions from payment of tolls, rates, duties, and charges.

(C.) To borrow money on Mortgage or Bond.

(D.) To vary or extinguish all existing rights and privileges, which might prevent, impede, or interfere with the accomplishment of any of the objects of the Provisional Order, and to confer other rights and privileges.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that a plan and section of the proposed new works, together with a copy of this advertisement will be deposited for Public Inspection at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Kent, and in the Office of the Marine Department of the Board of Trade, and at the Custom House of the Port of Folkestone, on or before the Thirtieth day of NOVEMBER instant.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN, that printed copies of the draft Provisional Order will be deposited at the Custom House of the Port of Folkestone, at the Office of Mr. GEORGE WILKS, Hythe, solicitor to the promoters, and at the Office of Messrs. WHITE, BOURNETT, and WHITE, 6, Whitehall-place, London, on or before the third day of December next, and such copies will be furnished to all persons applying for them at the price of One Shilling each.

Dated this 9th day of November, 1881.

GEORGE WILKS,

Solicitor to the Promoters.

Fine Promenade of
1½ Miles

Council Congratulated On Its Enterprise

ON PARADE

FOR THE SCHOOLCHILDREN
Addressing the schoolchildren,

The Romney Marsh district became what is known as a Catchment Board area. The Catchment Board acquir-

A GREAT DAY

Alderman Butler moved the to of "The Visitors," and said he rarely seen a more representative company in the town. It was, indeed, a great day for Hythe, and he hoped the parade would give the

Later the elder boy said they were going along Cheriton Road when they opened a garden gate and knocked at a back door in Cheriton.

As stated, the boys were placed on probation.

The Magistrates were: Alderman Mrs. Gore, in the chair, Alderman J. W. Stainer and Mrs. Saunders.

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through the Weald of Kent being decided upon.

Mrs. Jones gave an interesting report on the group meeting held at Monks Horton.

An interesting talk on growing salads was given by a speaker from the *Salad Committee* and

The Kent Education Committee and was greatly appreciated. Winners of the competition for the best sauce of growing cress were : 1, Mrs. Burrows; 2, Mrs. Appleton; 3, Mrs. Cocks.

The hostesses were : Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Checksfield and Mrs. Cowin.

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(Laughter). In the County Council, they always tried to be friendly servants of the people. In all, the speaker continued, they appreciated all that was done, and it was essential that they should all work together if they were to maintain the social services in the country, which

MISUNDERSTANDINGS
They were trying hard to sweep away many misunderstandings, which were generally due to ignorance of facts. But the associations between the Council and Hyatt

the Kent County Council and Hyman had always been very happy, and he hoped that position would long continue. (Applause).

The Kent County Council, this year had agreed to limit their capital expenditure to £1,000,000, which meant that a number of cherished projects

The County Council consisted of 11 members, all their personal friends who had devoted their time and services to the public. But, direct they were elected County Councilors

great, in the for the a.) they were, through some mysterious metamorphosis, transformed in wolves. But they were trying to their best all the time. (Applause).

Ex-Servicemen paraded at the opening of the new parade. Lord Wake

is about 1s. to-day," Lord W added, amidst laughter, "but you to keep these books as mementoes of this occasion, when the sun shined upon us." (Applause).

AT SEABROOK

To the gaily waving flags,

At luncheon at the Hotel I after the ceremony, Lord Wrescided over a gathering number about 100.

Following the Loyal toast, S. Wrescened proposed the health

gratitude for generous and far-
 -helo. I imagine that our Memb-
 Philip Sassoon, who is ever war-
 where Hythe and its welfare are
 -cerned, may have brought his
 influence to bear.

"Romney Marsh is safe, we
 -f. I think that the

work of local government which is done on day by day, far from the lights of Westminster. In hundreds of towns and rural districts men

extras, which would come to thousands of pounds. (Applause).

Kent was facing through its Canal Boards, and he was sure they would carry through their tasks, with assistance of what the Treasury was doing. He said:

COUNTY COUNCIL. "WOLA

Also responding to the toast Edward Hardy, J.P. (Chairman Kent County Council), said although he understood that even in Kent wanted his head on a c he congratulated everyone on

he congratulated everyone upon having made such a big moment. Not only would the new be a means of defence, but it added to the amenities of a in which they were already very.

The occasion also gave the opportunity of seeing one who

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Noticeably Absent = $\frac{\text{Final cost}}{\text{Original cost}} = \frac{£61,000}{£100,000} = 61\%$ \rightarrow Southern Railway Co. to maintain

Hythe's Prince's Parade

Superb Sea Wall and Promenade

Opening Ceremony by Viscount Wakefield

Efficient Protection from Inroads of Sea

Scheme Cost £70,000

Splendid Co-operation Between Government Department and Local Authorities

Lord Wakefield, cutting a ribbon of his colours, with a silver gift pair of scissors, opened the reconstructed Prince's Parade at Hythe on Monday.

The ceremony took place at the western end, near the Hotel Imperial, and afterwards Lord Wakefield drove along the new parade to the Folkestone Borough boundary, where, after cutting another ribbon, he welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress of Folkestone (Alderman and Mrs. A. Castle), who drove back with him along the Parade to the Hotel Imperial, where a luncheon to celebrate the event was held.

The history of Prince's Parade began nearly seventy years ago, when the sea wall and later a tramway between Hythe and Sandgate was constructed by the old South Eastern Railway. It was opened in 1881 by King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, and for that reason is now called Prince's Parade.

A few years after the war finished the horse tramway ceased to operate and the sea wall fell into a very bad state of disrepair. Winter gales and heavy seas caused great breaches to appear and eventually it became an ever increasing concern to the Hythe Corporation owing to the heavy cost of repairing the damages caused by the sea.

Complications continually arose and at one stage a complete deadlock appeared, but as a result of the co-operation of the Catchment Board, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Hythe Corporation the task of closing the breaches, and reconstructing the promenade was accomplished at a cost of £70,000, half of which had been borne by the Ministry.

A considerable amount of work still requires to be done. No parking regulations on the Parade make the provision of car parks a necessity and it is anticipated that these will be forthcoming in a short time. A speed limit of 15 miles per hour has already been imposed and the promenade will be closed to motor coaches.

The opening ceremony was performed in brilliant sunshine. A large crowd, including 250 senior Hythe school children and a guard of honour formed by members of the British Legion, welcomed Lord Wakefield as he arrived at the Hythe end of the promenade. He was accompanied by the Mayor of Hythe (Councillor H. Sharp), Alderman F. W. Butler, the High Sheriff of Kent (Major M. Teichman-Derville), the Chairman of the Kent County Council (Mr. E. Hardy), Mr. A. T. Dobson, of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Town Clerk of Hythe (Mr. H. Stainer).

Lord Wakefield's first duty was to inspect the British Legion guard of honour, in command of Captain R. Few, and to shake hands with the various standard bearers from Hythe, Dover, Ashford, Sandgate, St. Margaret's Bay, Deal and the Hythe and Saltwood Women's Branches. He also inspected a detachment of the Life Guards.

After the inspection, Lord Wakefield said he realised the great debt they owed to the members of the Legion, and that he was pleased to shake hands with so many ladies.

Before cutting the ribbon he said he was deeply touched with the presentation of the scissors, a souvenir of a great occasion.

"I am proud," he added, "to have been asked to inaugurate this great new highway."

When the ribbon had parted, Lord Wakefield said "Long may it serve to protect the people of this ancient borough. May it be a Prince's Parade of pleasure, happiness and sunshine."

Crossing over on to the Parade, Lord Wakefield had a special word for the school children, who were given a privileged position.

The sun, he said, had been shining upon them, and he was very grateful. God had always been very good to him and that day they had sunshine, but it was a material sunshine. There was another sun, a spiritual sun, and he hoped they would have plenty of sun in their hearts.

"Live and be jolly all the days of your life" was his advice.

The children, each waving a Union Jack, gave three hearty cheers for Lord Wakefield, who afterwards told them that he had signed 250 autograph albums, which would be presented to them.

"I think," he continued, "when it comes to selling my signature, the market price of it at the present time, is about 1/-, I do not wish you to sell

the books, but to keep them as a memento of this great occasion, when the sun has been shining upon us."

Lord Wakefield, accompanied by the rest of the party, members of the Hythe Corporation and borough officials, then drove along the promenade amidst the cheers of the school children, who waved their Union Jacks as Lord Wakefield's car passed.

After cutting the ribbon at the eastern end Lord Wakefield spoke to the Seabrook school children and then returned with the Mayor of Folkestone (Alderman A. Castle) and Mrs. Castle and borough-officials to the Hotel Imperial.

THE LUNCH.

Lord Wakefield presided at the lunch and he was supported by Sir Philip Sassoon, the Borough Member, the Mayor and Mayoress of Hythe (Councillor and Mrs. H. Sharp), the Mayor and Mayoress of Folkestone (Alderman and Mrs. A. Castle), Alderman and Mrs. F. W. Butler, the High Sheriff of Kent (Major M. Teichman-Derville), Brigadier R. H. Willan, the Chairman of the Kent County Council (Mr. E. Hardy), Mr. A. T. Dobson (Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries), Mr. P. W. Cox, Mr. D. Llewellyn, Brigadier-General G. G. Cunningham, Mr. J. W. Kennard, Mr. H. J. Blacklocks, Mr. S. C. Lewis, Mr. W. B. Smith, Mr. E. L. Allman (Borough Engineer of Folkestone), Mr. G. J. E. Diamond, Mr. P. G. Hobbs, Mr. E. J. Overy and Mr. Charles Sheath, J.P.

Sir Philip Sassoon, proposing, the toast of "The Chairman," said Lord Wakefield had had his health drunk in many places and many times, but nowhere was it drunk more sincerely or more cordially than down in Hythe.

(Applause.)

He was sure there were no surroundings in which he was happier to receive that tribute than there, among his friends and neighbours. Lord Wakefield came to Hythe to perform a function which was a serious accomplishment, an undertaking of no small importance to their neighbourhood.

"I should like," he continued, "to congratulate the Corporation very warmly on the courage and courage they have shown in carrying through to such a successful issue this very important Parade, which will, of course, be a great asset to our town. I should like also to congratulate them on having been able to persuade Lord Wakefield to come down and to perform the opening ceremony."

"No better man," continued Sir Philip, "could have done this—to give a happy send off to this undertaking, which will be so important to ensure its success in the future."

They were, he said, grateful to Lord Wakefield for setting such a happy crown upon civic achievement and they wished him long life in order that he could enjoy the affection and esteem of them all.

Viscount Wakefield, in proposing the toast of "The Borough of Hythe," said before he spoke to the toast he would like just to say how sorry he was not to be present when his old friend, Alderman Butler, received the honorary freedom of Hythe. He would like to take that opportunity of saying how much pleasure it gave him to know that Hythe honoured one of her most loyal townsmen.

It gave him very great pleasure to propose that toast and to be the first to congratulate Hythe upon the successful completion of a difficult task. It was a long story. It began, he understood, nearly seventy years ago when the opening of the old South Eastern Railway, the building of a sea wall and the construction of a tramway between Hythe and Sandgate. The original Parade and the tramway were formally opened in 1881 by King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales. For that reason the new promenade has been called the Prince's Parade.

The tramway served its purpose and disappeared. The sea wall survived the gales and heavy seas for many years, but it suffered in the process. Eventually, at the Seabrook end, it sustained a definite breach, until before very long the sea wall became one of Hythe's major problems. More recently a new complication arose. The Romney Marsh district became what was known as a Catchment Board area. The Catchment Board acquired powers which entitled it to make certain stipulations in regard to the restoration of the breach in the sea wall. Now sea walls were costly luxuries for a small borough, however ancient its lineage, and Hythe was

faced with a task almost beyond its powers.

Just at that point, when complete deadlock appeared inevitable, began the harmonious co-operation of the Catchment Board, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Hythe Corporation, with results upon which all were to be very heartily congratulated. The Ministry came to the rescue by assuming responsibility for about half the cost of £35,000. Thus the burden lightened. That day's ceremony marked the conclusion of the work in which the different bodies co-operated so effectively. He was glad that they had with them that day as one of their principal guests a high official from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, in whose presence they could express their profound gratitude for generous and far-seeing help. The intention of their Member, Sir Philip Sassoon, who was ever watchful where Hythe and its welfare were concerned, might have brought his great influence to bear.

"Romney Marsh," Viscount Wakefield continued, "is safe, we hope for all time, and Hythe has this magnificent Prince's Parade to add to its many attractions and to safeguard them."

It is a great day for Hythe. I look back to the scheme as a very good example of local and national patriotism as applied to public affairs. We are apt to overlook the sterling work of local government which goes on day after day, but tonight, in the light of Westminster, in hundreds of towns and rural districts men and women of all parties and of none devote themselves unselfishly to the routine of public administration. They have to solve difficult problems such as that of Hythe's seaward defence. We ought to recognise such services more fully than we do; no doubt we should like for the unobtrusive way in which the work is carried on. An honorary freeman is 'above the battle.' I therefore feel sure you will acquit me of any partiality if I take this opportunity of thanking the Borough of Hythe, in the person of the Mayor, for their share in this splendid piece of public work. Long may Hythe's Prince's Parade guard us from the future assaults of these stormy waters, and long may it endure as an object-lesson in co-operative achievement."

Mayor of Hythe, responding, thanked Lord Wakefield for the very kind remarks he had made about the town and himself personally. It was a great honour to have been appointed the magistrate of that Cinque Ports Speaking every Burgess, he wished to thank Lord Wakefield for sparing the time to come down and open that splendid Parade.

Continuing, he said it was opened thirty-eight years ago by the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, but then, after a long lapse of years, which made reconstruction necessary, the Town Council realised that no better man than their lordship could be asked to perform the ceremony.

"You have lived amongst us since 1912," continued the Mayor, "and ever since, through all the years, you have shown the greatest interest in the town of your adoption and have given us no failing support in all our enterprises. You are looked upon as the town's fair godfather, for you have always given support to our local charities."

The Mayor then said that he was sure the Council for Hythe would find time after time Lord Wakefield had spared time to see their charity cup filled. He would remain during the whole of the game, present the medals himself, purchase the ball for the benefit of charity, and it did not matter, there, if he used to have very kind and helpful words to say to the players and he could assure his lordship that many of those words, spoken years ago, were living in the minds of those men that day.

Lord Wakefield's name was known wherever the British language was spoken.

With regard to Hythe, they were but a small community, but in regard to administration and public services they were quite up-to-date. Like all other towns they were feeling the burden of taxation imposed upon them by other authorities, but they hoped they would find their way out of it. They settled they would share in the prosperity the country so desired.

Alderman E. W. Butler, proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said he had rarely seen a more representative company of public men. It was indeed a great day for Hythe and everyone believed that their new Parade would give them publicity and prosperity.

For over twenty years many of them had been fighting for the repair of Prince's Parade. There were two or three of them present who raised the question of the repair of the Parade, and he was delighted that the Parade had been repaired, and he hoped in a very successful way.

The breach, he said, had certainly been there for twenty years, and from the Corporation, they had had various estimates of the cost of making good the breach.

They had hoped that they would get support from the Government, never realising that it would come so soon. As a result of the Land Drainage Act of 1930 certain pressure was brought to bear and after fighting for a bit they received help from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries through the Catchment Board, and they had a grant of £28,000 towards the cost of the repair of the wall.

Through unforeseen circumstances the estimate was likely to be exceeded. They would have to find out, but when the facts were mined before the powers that be they might get some assistance

towards the extras, which he feared might run into thousands of pounds.

They asked Mr. Lewis, of the firm of Lewis and Lewis, to come and advise them with regard to their sea wall. They had had actual experience of what happened in 1913, when their West Parade was washed down by the sea and repaired under his direction. Through all those 25 years the upkeep of that wall had not cost £5 a year. They hoped the same would apply to Prince's Parade.

Mr. Dobson, replying, expressed appreciation on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries for the invitation extended to two representatives of the Department.

In thanking Alderman Butler for his kind remarks, he gathered that he wanted some more money.

Dealing with the Land Drainage Act of 1930, he said he thought it was something of an achievement. He thought the job they had seen finished that day was one of which the Borough of Hythe, the Catchment Board, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries could feel extremely proud. Since the Catchment Board for New Romney initiated the scheme, great reorganisation had taken place and the four Catchment Boards in Kent had been merged into the larger Board known as the Kent Rivers Catchment Board. He did not think there could be any doubt that the Kent Rivers Catchment Board had before them a task that could not be performed without the expenditure of money.

Continuing, he said he was aware that land drainage was a new service. When they spoke of land drainage, they were not dealing with sewerage, but flood drainage. The storms of the past weeks in various parts of the country would give them some idea of the enormous burden that the Kent Rivers Catchment Board was shouldering. He hesitated to think what would have been the position in the estuary of the Medway, and indeed further up the river, if the Catchment Board had not raised the level of the banks. At Holesley the sea broke through and swept away the work of six weeks in a single night.

Continuing, he said he was not going to commit anybody, but he understood that there was not any prospect of the scheme being completed at the cost set out in the original estimate. He could say that if the scheme had proved to cost more than they first thought, they would be willing to consider any application for an increased grant on account of the extra cost.

Mr. Hardy also responding, said he was sure the wall would not only be a sea defence, but it would add greatly to the amenities of Hythe, which were already well known.

Continuing, he said it county government was to succeed it was absolutely essential that the people of the county should recognise that as far as possible all the members of the County Council were always trying to be one with them all. If the tremendous difficulties under which they work, the enormous responsibility and great services which were rendered by all local authorities were to be taken for granted, it was absolutely essential that they should all work harmoniously together, if the general public were to get the best advantage out of the social services which were better in England than in any other country in the world. He thought it was important that they should try and work in the most harmonious manner with all local authorities. He thought it was worth taking an immense amount of trouble to explain matters to members and officers of local authorities, so that they would know why things were done.

Continuing, he said he often found that the people who were asking for more and better services do he given by the County Council were the very people who objected most strongly to paying for them. It was beyond the wit of man to discover the way to continue with the march of progress unless they were willing to pay for it.

As far as the ancient borough of Hythe was concerned, he thought he could truthfully say that the association between them and the County Council had been extremely pleasant. He hoped it might long remain so. Owing to the fact that the County Council had decided to limit the expenditure on certain projects and a number of projects which were considered to be important would have to be postponed. He hoped everybody would recognise and make allowances for the enormous difficulties with which they found themselves faced. The members of the County Council tried to carry out their difficult tasks to the best of their ability, but a large proportion of the expenditure of the County Council had been placed upon it by Parliament. He thought it was only right that they should offer a warning to Parliament that as far as local government expenditure was concerned from rates, the sky was not the limit.

Folkestone Herald Sat 10 Dec 1938
Princes Parade scheme: Final Cost £61,000

AUTUMN FASHIONS AT LEWIS AND
HYLAND'S STORE.

new material, Cloque, made up in
noon and evening dresses, won no
admiration, and a black marocain
ing gown with a slit skirt was de-
sired by most of the audience as a per-
fume. The picture was very popular, and one
which appealed greatly was a blue
white fleck two-piece suit with a
collar.

The parade was one upon which this
shown firm can compliment itself, it
was evidence of the real value,
and with the latest fashions, which
were obtained in their store.

COUNCILS' DIET LEAD.

importance of fresh milk and butter for both children and adults is being increasingly recognised. In practically all homes controlled by Public

PERFORMANCE OF COPYRIGHT MUSIC IN VILLAGE HALLS

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Kent Council of Social Service,
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In it he sites that the Southern Railway are quite willing to hand over the whole of the wall, parade and road way, and the three communicating streets leading from the Seabrook road, which such rights as they have in the bridges, to the Corporation of Hythe free of any charge. The Corporation have also consented to pay to the Town Council the sum of £2,000 towards the cost of reinstatement when completed.

Officers have been made to secure the support of the various Government departments and other bodies in taking measures to make good any breach and the sea wall, but, until now, no

1935

HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL AND £55,000
SCHEME

The Town Clerk said before he gave a reply he would like to have the correspondence before him. He would have brought the papers there that night had not been for the fact that Councillor Vigneux mentioned the matter to him the day before. He then told Councillor Vigneux if he did not bring the matter on the following night he would not. The Council deferred the consideration of the matter until their next meeting.

Saturday Sept 21 1935

mas is some weeks off, people desiring to send Christmas parcels and letters to distant parts will soon be paying atten-

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THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2003 1ST CHOICE IN SHEPWAY* (Source: NOP 2002)

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A FAMILY of gorillas got into the Easter mood in an extra special celebration at Port Lympne.

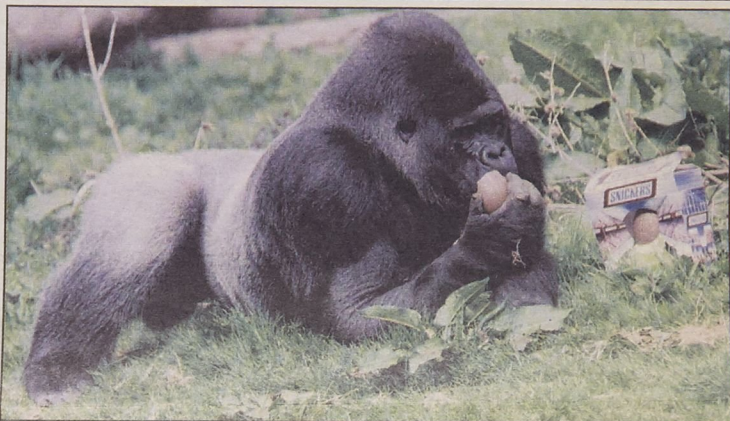
Djala and 12 other Western Lowland gorillas enjoyed a gift of ten large chocolate eggs in their Palace Of The Apes on Tuesday.

The treats were provided by Sainsburys who have been supplying the zoo with damaged and out of date fruit as well as vegetables, cheese and chocolate as food for its many rare and endangered species.

Port Lympne celebrates an Easter Extravaganza from April 18-21 which will include a safari egg hunt and face painting.

For more information or to help with food contributions phone 01303 264647.

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MAKING A SPLASH

...but water complex plan is threatened by gas

PLANS are underway to create a premier water sports centre on Hythe's Princes Parade including new

By JANE SULSH

homes, the Herald can reveal.

Part of the Shepway council-owned open space

between Hythe and Seabrook could be developed for a water complex.

Rowers, windsurfers and sailors are talking with leading councillors and officers although fears remain about the former landfill site.

Negotiations are still in the early stages but the local plan, which goes to the government's inspector in June, makes the area available for sport.

Those in favour of the site, between the sea and canal, say its location could make it the best in the south east.

Some people remain to be convinced the former rubbish tip is the perfect site as it could leak explosive methane gas. Others do not want to see houses on the land with up to 100 mentioned in the local plan.

The land has been subject to an independent survey commis-

sioned by Shepway council. Adrian Milton from Ashford-based Ground Solutions Group said the report was confidential and refused to comment.

Reg Turnill, editor of Sandgate Society's magazine, who has studied the report said: "My view is that the report shows it will be leaking methane gas for many years to come."

Groups involved in the talks include Sandgate Sea Cadets, Hythe and Saltwood sailing club and canoeists who have been told to leave KCC's run down Seapoint Centre in Seabrook.

Some funds could come from KCC compensation for loss of youth and sport activities once Seapoint is sold for houses. If established water clubs sell up to relocate they could plough in more cash which could rise to £1m with potential lottery funding.

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Fascinating tour of fortifications



■ Patricia Hooper and her grandson Matthew on the Treasure Trail at Western Heights
Ref: pd 616270

PEOPLE enjoyed a rare opportunity to have a look around the Western Heights. Many enjoyed guided tours around the Drop Redoubt fortress and Grand Shaft triple staircase, which are normally closed to the public, as part of the annual Western Heights open day.

Drop Redoubt is part of a series of fortifications stretching over a mile that were built from the 1770s onwards.

The fortress was built over two periods – 1804 to 1809 and 1859 to 1864 – to defend the port and the town of Dover from French invasion.

Other attractions on the day included Redcoat defenders, re-enacting the scene on the Western Heights, as Dover faced the threat of French invaders.

The wildlife of the site was not forgotten, either. Visitors sampled nature displays and guided walks. Children had the chance to learn about history and wildlife during a Green Gang treasure hunt.



■ LEFT: Jack Cuff, from Whitfield, explores the old fort
Ref: pd 616275



Paul Hadaway takes time off from running the open day to inspect some pyramidal orchids
Ref: pd 616269



■ RIGHT: Visitors explore the Grand Shaft
Ref: pd 616280

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OPENING OF THE
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AT HYTHE.

BY

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

ON

Wednesday 12th October 1881.

ADMIT

J. S. Watton Esq
Landgate

to a DINNER

AT THE SEABROOK HOTEL.

HYTHE.



OPENING OF THE
NEW PROMENADE AT HYTHE
BY
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On Wednesday the 12th October 1881

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OF THE

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J. S. Watton Esq

TO A

DINNER AT THE SEABROOK HOTEL, HYTHE AT 6.30. P.M.

AN EARLY REPLY ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY—SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY CO LONDON BRIDGE STATION, LONDON WILL OBLIGE

12 oct 1881

A Special Train conveying His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., the Directors and Officials of the South Eastern Railway Company, and the invited Guests will leave Charing Cross at 11 o'clock, calling at Ashford, and arriving at Hythe at 12.35 p.m., returning from Folkestone Harbour at 4 p.m., and arriving at Charing Cross at 5.35 p.m.

The Mayors and the Members of the Corporations of Hythe and Folkestone will receive His Royal Highness at the Hythe Station.

The D. Company of the East Kent Rifle Volunteers under the Command of Captain Court will form the Guard of Honour at Hythe Station.

The Prince (conducted by the Mayors) will proceed to the carriage provided for His Royal Highness, and the Procession will then be formed in the following order:—

THE MAYORS OF HYTHE AND FOLKESTONE.

THE CHAIRMAN, DIRECTORS, AND OFFICIALS OF THE SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE SEABROOK ESTATE COMPANY.

EARL GRANVILLE, K.G., LORD WARDEN OF THE CINQUE PORTS, AND EARL SYDNEY.
G.C.B., LORD LIUT. OF THE COUNTY.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.

THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION OF HYTHE.

THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION OF FOLKESTONE.

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SANDGATE LOCAL BOARD.

THE INVITED GUESTS.

Carriages are to form in the Procession on Black House Hill, leading to the Hythe Station, not later than 12 o'clock (noon).

The course of the Procession will be down the Station Road, Hythe, along East Street and Twiss Road to the New Parade, which will be passed over and opened to the Public. Leaving the Parade the Procession will pass through Sandgate as far as the Military Road, thence up the Military Road to the Artillery Barracks, round Shorncliffe Camp and down the Military Road to Sandgate, along the Upper Road to Folkestone, through Trinity Crescent to Clifton Crescent, along Clifton Crescent and the Leas, passing the Harvey Statue, and down Church Hill to the Harbour. The Prince will alight at the Harbour Station and pass along the Pier, where the Ceremony of laying the Concrete Block will take place at 1.30 p.m.

No. 7 Battery, 1st Kent Artillery Volunteers, under the command of Capt. Fynmore, will form the Guard of Honour at the corner of the Military Road, Sandgate.

No. 3 Battery of the Cinque Port Artillery Volunteers, under the command of Capt. Penfold, will form the Guard of Honour at the Harvey Statue, and the Coast Guard, under the command of Commander Sargeant, R.N., will form the Guard of Honour at Folkestone Harbour.

Carriages will only be provided for invited Guests arriving by Special Train from London.

The names of the occupants will be placed in the carriages.

By the kind permission of the Commanding Officers the following Bands will be in attendance:—

THE CAMERONIANS (SCOTCH RIFLES), AT FOLKESTONE.

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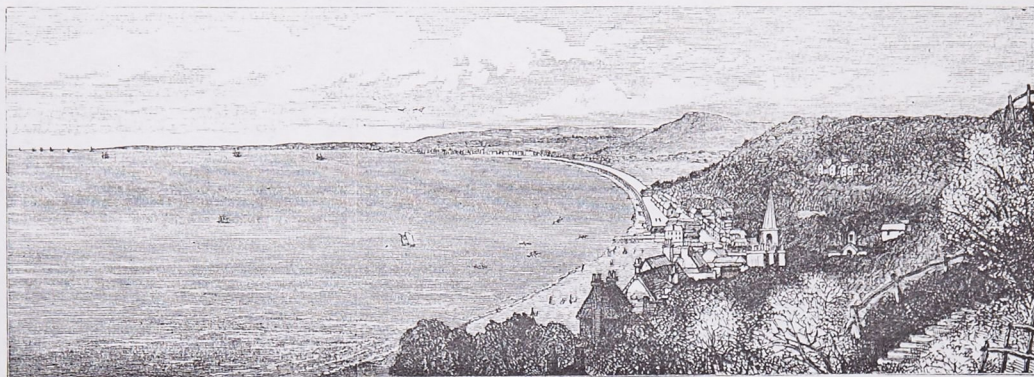
A Display of Fireworks will take place at 8 p.m. at Folkestone, along the lines of the intended Breakwaters of the Deep Water Harbour, and on the Pier; and at Hythe on the banks of the Royal Military Canal.

All Persons are requested to present their Tickets.

Special Trains will be provided by the South Eastern Railway Company, due notice of which will be given.

IMPROVEMENTS ON THE KENTISH COAST.

SEE PAGE 406.



VIEW LOOKING WESTWARD FROM FOLKESTONE OVER SANDGATE TO HYTHE, SHOWING THE NEW EMBANKMENT.



VIEW LOOKING FROM HYTHE EASTWARD TO SANDGATE.



THE PRINCE OF WALES OPENING THE HYTHE MARINE PARADE AND EMBANKMENT FROM HYTHE TO SANDGATE.

OPENING OF
NEW PROMENADE AT HYTHE
BY H.R.H. THE
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SEABROOK + HOTEL, + HYTHE.

LIST OF TOASTS.

- 1.—The Queen.
- 2.—The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family.
- 3.—The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and the Members of all Denominations.
- 4.—The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces.
- 5.—The Member for the Borough.
- 6.—The Directors of the South Eastern Railway Company.
- 7.—The Chairman and Directors of the Seabrook Estate Company.
- 8.—The Mayors, and Members of the Corporation of Hythe and Folkestone, and the Chairman and Members of the Sandgate Local Board.
- 9.—The Visitors.
- 10.—The Ladies.

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Opening of Princes Parade

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1881

Campaigner wins fight to stop homes

by JANE BARLOW

A CAMPAIGNER has won a victory after persuading a Government inspector that houses should not be built on an open space.

Bernard Binns, of Hospital Hill, Seabrook, spoke at the Shepway local planning inquiry to say why he objected to homes being built at Princes Parade, near Hythe.

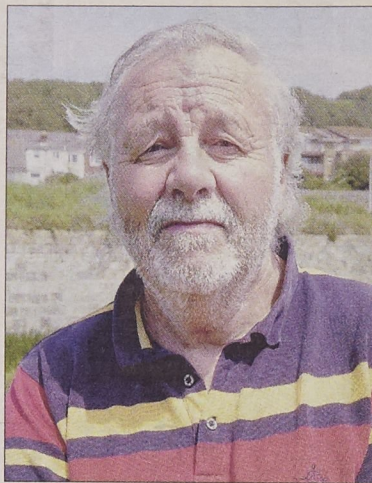
Mr Binns, 74, told the inquiry that the site should be kept for recreational use and that the local authority should not have earmarked it for a housing development.

The inspector has now reported on his findings - and has agreed with Mr Binns. The local authority has now been asked to change the plan.

Mr Binns said: "I am delighted at this news. This is a valuable place to both visitors and residents. It is perhaps the last good open space along the coast within Shepway and to take it away would be ludicrous."

"It used to be a recreation ground and I used the swings and slide there as a boy."

The site has been used as a dump and Mr Binns was concerned about homes being built on the site. He said: "Everything went



Bernard Binns objected to plans for homes on open land at Princes Parade
Ref:pd135188

into that dump and it was not well controlled. The dangers might not have become apparent for many years and then the homeowners would have had no recompense."

The inspector's report recommended 150 changes to the local plan, but most were just minor word changes, or very slight corrections.

Tamasin Jarrett, a spokesman for Shepway council said: "The inspector has generally supported the district council's strategy and proposals with one major exception."

"She recommends that there should be no housing development on the Princes Parade site in Hythe. She says that the site is best suited to low

key recreation or tourism use."

"The inspector has supported all the other housing allocations proposed by the council including the sites at Hawkinge, Nickolls Quarry and Herring Hang Field, New Romney. To make up the shortfall by deleting Princes Parade, there are small increases in numbers proposed for some sites, notably at Hawkinge and Folkestone seafront."

"She also proposes that the vacant land opposite Homebase, in Park Farm Road, should be developed for housing rather than retail warehouse use."

"She recommends against identifying any further housing at Lympne Airfield, while supporting the proposed extension to the industrial estate."

The council must now consider the inspector's report and decide what action to take on each of her recommendations. It is expected that a report will be presented to cabinet in September.

The cabinet will need to agree on making any modifications to the plan as a result of the inspector's findings and these will then be published. There will then be a six-week period for objections and representations to be made on the proposed modifications.



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Racer's season back on track

Radio expansion plan approved

THE purchase of two East Kent radio stations by Kent Messenger Group Newspapers has been cleared by the Radio Authority.

The Kent Messenger Group's acquisition of CTFM, Canterbury and Neptune Radio, serving Dover and Folkestone, in September, triggered a public interest test under media ownership government guidelines.

Radio Authority approval has been granted and this now paves the way for the Kent Messenger Group, publisher of the Extra, to go ahead with plans to develop the stations along with Thanet Local Radio, which it already owns.

"The potential for a new East Kent radio service covering each of the contiguous areas is exciting," said Kent Messenger Group managing director David Lewis.

"Our format will be built on the same model as our local newspapers – very local, very relevant and a cracking good news service. The music will be good too."

The combined potential listenership of the three stations is 383,200, providing Kent Messenger Group with a substantial extra audience at a time when the group's weekly newspapers are enjoying record circulations.

The newspapers' extensive news-gathering network is to service the radio stations. New studios and editorial staff are to be moved into the Kent Messenger Group's Canterbury office.

Latest RAJAR audience research shows that all three stations have already started to attract new listeners. CTFM's growth is among the highest in the UK for local stations.

Seafront homes plan anger

FAMILIES are furious at plans to build seafront houses on the site of a former tip.

Their anger was expressed at a meeting held in Seabrook Church Hall which was called after householders were sent letters from Shepway council which said land at Princes Parade had been identified for housing development in the draft local plan.

Residents want to halt the plans and to ensure the idea is not included in the final scheme, which shapes the future until 2011.

They have formed a committee which will make a joint objection to the local authority.

Those at the meeting objected on many grounds to the plans for building up to 100 houses between the Murco garage at Seabrook and the Hythe Imperial Hotel.

Resident Bernard Binns, who chaired the meeting, said Shepway council's plans were "irresponsible" and claimed there was methane gas in the area.

He said: "We know that 270,000 cubic metres of waste was dumped at this site."

"It was an uncontrolled public tip for more than 20 years. We know there is methane gas there. The council shouldn't even be dreaming of putting houses there. This is also a designated flood area."

The meeting was told that

Shepway council was proposing to develop eight hectares of the 19.9 hectare site.

Sandgate resident Linda Rene Martin said: "This is an exceptional site. There is no other open space in the area which is easily accessible. It is a very valuable and very beautiful open space."

"This would lump Folkestone and Hythe together as one urban area. If this goes ahead we might as well call it Hythestown."

Andrew Barling, a resident of Seabrook Road, also objected.

He said: "This would put a strain on local services. The doctors surgeries are already full, kids can't get into the schools of their choice and it's a farce to keep building houses without services to go with them."

"The area can't take any more. It's the last open space here – so why ruin it?"

Mr Binns said he would not object to a sports centre being built on the site, another idea which has been mooted by Shepway council, to improve sporting provision in the Hythe area. He said he would like to see more leisure facilities, but that the site is not suitable for housing.

The Sandgate Society is also against the proposals.

■ To object to any item in the draft, write to the council before December 13.

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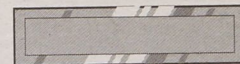
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by this Act

forms part and other works) were imposed on the Commissioners therein mentioned and which at any time hereafter might affect the Secretary of State in respect of the property hereby conveyed or any part thereof and to keep the Secretary of State and his successors in office fully indemnified from and against all such duties and liabilities in respect of the property hereby conveyed or any part thereof and from all claims and demands in respect thereof and henceforth and at all times hereafter to use (subject to the Land Drainage Act 1930) the property hereby conveyed for the purposes only of the Fifty-seventh section of the Hythe Improvement and Waterworks Act 1874 so far as the same are consistent with the provisions hereof and not for any other purpose and also at the cost of the Corporation and to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State henceforth to maintain in good repair and condition proper and substantial fences separating the property hereby conveyed from any other adjoining property belonging to the Secretary of State delineated and coloured brown on the said plan numbered 4 and to provide gates as may be necessary for access to such adjoining land and also to keep the Secretary of State and his successors in office fully indemnified from and against all duties obligations commutations or liabilities whatsoever arising in respect of the property hereby conveyed or any part thereof under or by virtue of the Land Drainage Act 1930 and in particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing to maintain the part of the back drain (constructed in accordance with the provisions of Section 27 of the said Act 47 George III c. 70) which lies on the north side of the said Royal Military Canal and extends from Scanlon's Bridge to the dam at West Hythe and the culverts thereto and any other works belonging thereto.

Hythe Improvement
Act repeated
1981 by
Kent River
County Act 1981
excise sections

5. IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND DECLARED that Sections 31 and 32 of the Act 47 Geo. III c. 70 shall not extend to afford the Corporation any exemption in respect of the property hereby conveyed against any such land tax rate or charge as is in the same sections mentioned.

6. THERE is reserved to the Secretary of State the right to enter upon the property hereby conveyed or any part or parts thereof for the purpose of removing or defacing boundary stones at any time or times within three months after the date hereof.

THE SCHEDULES hereinbefore referred to.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

First all those pieces of land and land covered with water situate in the Parishes of Ocheriton Newington St. Leonard Hythe and Lympne in the Borough of Hythe in the County of Kent forming part of the canal known as the Royal Military Canal and the rampart and military road extending from near the junction of Seabrook Road and Prince's Road Shorncliffe in the County of Kent to the dam near West Hythe in the Parish of Lympne in the same county being the lands and lands covered with water coloured pink and yellow on the said plan numbered 1 annexed hereto.

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by C.H.C.
(from PRO)

Secondly a piece of land containing an area of .559 acre or thereabouts and coloured dark green on the said plan numbered 1 and thereon numbered 1 in red.

Thirdly a piece of land having a frontage of about 120 feet to Seabrook Road aforesaid also coloured dark green on the said plan numbered 1 and thereon numbered 1A in red.

Fourthly a piece of land containing an area of .470 acre or thereabouts and having a frontage of about 140 feet to Seabrook Road aforesaid also coloured dark green on the said plan numbered 1 and thereon numbered 2 in red.

Fifthly a piece of land coloured pink hatched brown on the said plan numbered 1 and thereon numbered 3 in red.

Sixthly a piece of land containing an area of 1.818 acres or thereabouts and situate on the northern side of the said canal between Duke's Head Bridge and Scanlon's Bridge also coloured dark green on the said plan numbered 1 and thereon numbered 4 in red.

Seventhly the land forming the northern bank of the said canal between Scanlon's Bridge aforesaid and the said dam near West Hythe in the Parish of Lympne aforesaid and the cottage Station Houses No. 2 and No. 3 thereon which said land and houses are coloured light green on the said plan numbered 1 and thereon numbered 5 in red.

Eighthly a piece of land situate on the eastern side of Barrack Hill and having a frontage thereto of 360 feet or thereabouts also coloured dark green on the said plan numbered 1 and thereon numbered 7 in red and shown coloured dark green on the said plan numbered 2.

Ninthly a piece of land situate on the southern side of the said canal and having access to Dymchurch Road and formerly part of the wharf there which said piece of land is coloured brown on the said plan numbered 1 and thereon numbered 6 in red.

Tenthly the roadway known as Military Road between Scanlon's Bridge and Duke's Head Bridge aforesaid and the said two bridges and also the Town Bridge at Hythe the bridge between Theatre Street and Ladies Walk Twiss Road Bridge West Hythe Bridge and the Three Bridges marked respectively A B and C on the said plan numbered 1 all which said roadway and bridges are shown coloured brown on the said plan numbered 1.

Lastly Together with a permanent easement for a sewer 3 feet in diameter as now laid across the property of the Secretary of State known as the Hythe Rifle Range along the line indicated by the broken red line on the said plan numbered 3 with the right to enlarge the present sewer and collecting chambers thereof and to instal there such engineering

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BELONGS TO
MRS. L. RENÉ-MARTIN

1. Has the Property been consulted re OPF?
2. Should there be any request. Above rights
will they be... (9)

This Conveyance

is made the Second day of May

ONE thousand nine hundred and thirty-three BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT (hereinafter called "the Secretary of State") of the one part and THE MAYOR ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF HYTHE in the County of Kent (hereinafter called "the Corporation") of the other part WHEREAS—

(i) The Secretary of State is the estate owner on behalf of His Majesty in respect of the fee simple absolute in possession free from incumbrances (except as hereinafter mentioned) of the property hereby conveyed

(ii) The Secretary of State in exercise of his statutory and other powers has agreed to sell and the Corporation has agreed to purchase the said property as an open space under the powers conferred by the Hythe Improvement and Waterworks Act 1874 subject as hereinafter expressed for the sum of Four thousand pounds

NOW in pursuance of the said Agreement and in consideration of the sum of FOUR THOUSAND POUNDS now paid by the Corporation to the Secretary of State (the receipt whereof the Secretary of State hereby acknowledges) this Conveyance WITNESSETH AND IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND DECLARED by and between the parties hereto as follows:—

1. THE Secretary of State in exercise of all powers him hereunto enabling and as Trustee hereby conveys unto the Corporation ALL THAT property situate in the Parishes of Cheriton Newington St. Leonard Hythe and Lympne in the Borough of Hythe in the County of Kent more particularly described in the First Schedule hereto and delineated in the plan numbered 1 hereto annexed and thereon coloured pink, pink hatched brown, yellow, dark green, light green and brown and as to the position of the permanent easement lastly described in the said First Schedule indicated by a broken red line on the plan numbered 3 hereto annexed EXCEPT AND RESERVED as hereinafter appearing TO HOLD the same unto the Corporation for a legal estate in fee simple absolute in possession subject to all rents and outgoings and to all material rights and incidents of tenure rights of way whether public or private water light drainage and all easements or quasi-easements rights and privileges affecting the same or now or heretofore used or enjoyed in respect of or in connection with any other property of the Secretary of State or of any Government Department and to all rights of adjacent owners and to any subsisting liability in regard to roads walls paths drains fences watercourses and culverts and to any liability which may be subsisting or may arise hereafter by reason of any scheme order resolution authority or instrument in force under the Town Planning Acts and other like matters AND SUBJECT ALSO to the following:—

(i) As to the piece of land fifthly described in the First Schedule hereto to such rights of user as the public may have in respect thereof

(ii) As to the piece of land sixthly described in the First Schedule hereto to all rights of drainage of rain water from the School of Musketry in through or over the said piece of land

(iii) As to the piece of land ninthly described in the First Schedule hereto to and with the benefit of all covenants exceptions and reservations contained in a Conveyance dated the Eighth day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty and made between the Secretary of State of the first part the Corporation of the second part and the Lords Bailiff and Jurats of the Level of Romney Marsh in the County of Kent of the third part and The Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Light Railway Company of the fourth part

(iv) As to the property tenthly described in the First Schedule hereto to the rights of the public in respect of the user thereof and to all rights of drainage in through or over the same from the adjoining property of the Secretary of State as shown by brown colour on the plan numbered 4 hereto annexed

(v) To and with the benefit of the Leases Tenancy and Encroachment Agreements affecting the property hereby conveyed more particularly referred to in the First and Second Parts of the Second Schedule hereto.

2. THERE is excepted and reserved out of this Conveyance in fee simple unto the Secretary of State and other the estate owner or owners for the time being in respect of the fee simple of the adjoining property of the Secretary of State delineated and coloured brown on the said plan numbered 4 and the occupiers thereof for the time being the right at any time and from time to time hereafter to build on or otherwise use the same or any part thereof in any way he or they may think fit whether or not the access of light or air to any building for the time being on the property hereby conveyed shall be thereby obstructed interfered with or destroyed.

3. THERE is also excepted and reserved out of this Conveyance in fee simple unto the Secretary of State the following:—

(i) The right at all times hereafter to use the piece of land sixthly described in the First Schedule hereto for pontooning and for all other military exercises and evolutions together with the right to place military stores and tents thereon

(ii) The right at all times hereafter to use the whole or any part or parts of the lands first and seventhly described in the First Schedule hereto for pontooning and for all other military exercises and evolutions together with the right to place military stores and tents thereon together also with rights of way for all such purposes thereover and for giving access to and from the Roughs and Side Hills and

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from West Hythe Bridge westwards to the dam near West Hythe and for tenants of the adjoining property of the Secretary of State as shown by brown colour on the said plan numbered 4.

(iii) A right of way for all purposes over a strip of land twelve feet wide along the line indicated on the said plan numbered 1 by the dotted purple line thereon so as to give full and free access at all times to and from the adjoining lands of the Secretary of State shown verged red on the said plan numbered 1 together with the right to lay and maintain repair remove and renew from time to time under the said strip of land electric cables drains sewers water and gas pipes and to connect up the same with the respective public services in Seabrook Road shown on the said plan numbered 1.

(iv) Full rights of drainage of rainwater through and over any part of the property hereby conveyed from the adjoining property of the Secretary of State delineated and coloured brown on the said plan numbered 4 and also full right to use repair erect and maintain remove and renew from time to time any existing drains telephone posts wires cables or other facilities (hereinafter in this sub-clause collectively described as "works") and to lay down and so use repair erect maintain remove and renew any new works in on or over any part of the property hereby conveyed PROVIDED that no new works not at present existing shall be laid down or erected until the position and course thereof shall have been submitted to and approved by the Corporation such approval not to be unreasonably withheld and that the Secretary of State shall in every case repair and make good to the satisfaction of the Corporation any damage or injury caused either by repair and amendment of the works or the laying down or erection of new works.

4. THE Corporation hereby covenants with the Secretary of State as follows:—
(i) That the Corporation will not use the property hereby conveyed or any part thereof or permit the same to be used for any noisy noxious or offensive trade or business or for any purpose which may be or become a nuisance or source or cause of injury or annoyance to the Secretary of State or to adjoining or neighbouring property.

(ii) Not to use the property hereby conveyed or permit or suffer the same to be used for the purpose of holding an amusement fair thereon nor carry out any machinery works thereon nor use the property hereby conveyed or permit or suffer the same to be used in any way which shall be productive of noise PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS that the bandstand on the piece of land first described in the First Schedule hereto may be used for band performances.

(iii) As to the piece of land fifthly described in the First Schedule hereto forthwith to make the same into a public road repairable by the inhabitants at large free of expense to the Secretary of State.

(iv) The piece of land sixthly described in the First Schedule hereto shall (subject to the reservation contained in Clause 3 (i) hereof) be kept as an open space for ever and that no advertisements shall be displayed thereon.

(v) To maintain the said pieces of land firstly and seventhly described in the First Schedule hereto in such state of repair as shall be suitable for the exercise of the rights of way reserved thereover by Clause 3 (ii) hereof.

(vi) To keep the existing hedge or fence on the land eighthly described in the First Schedule hereto between the points marked P and Q on the enlarged Plan numbered 2 hereto annexed (being an enlargement of a portion of the said plan numbered 1) in good repair and condition and also to erect and maintain two gates in the positions indicated in the said plan numbered 2.

(vii) To keep in repair the bridges marked A, B and C in red on the said plan numbered 1.

(viii) That all engineering works and apparatus which may be installed by the Corporation in pursuance of the permanent easement lastly described in the First Schedule hereto and of the rights granted in connection therewith shall be installed and covered in such a way as not to interfere with the use of the property of the Secretary of State known as Hythe Rifle Range for rifle ranges or any other purpose required by the Secretary of State and no such works apparatus or the covering thereof shall in any case project or be raised more than six feet above the level of the surrounding land and the Secretary of State shall not be responsible for any injury or damage caused to any such works or apparatus or the covering or housing thereof which may at any time be caused by the use of the said land of the Secretary of State for rifle ranges and that the Corporation shall be responsible for and make good or pay full compensation for all loss damage or injury to any persons or to any property (whether belonging to the Crown or third parties) arising out of or in any way connected with the exercise of the rights lastly described in the First Schedule hereto and shall keep the Secretary of State indemnified against all costs charges expenses proceedings claims and demands whatsoever in respect thereof including claims which though not legally enforceable against the Secretary of State would be so enforceable if the Secretary of State were not the servant or representative of the Crown.

(ix) To pay and discharge all duties and liabilities (if any) which by the Act 47 George III c. 70 (passed for maintaining and preserving the canal known as the Royal Military Canal of which the land first described in the First Schedule hereto

1896

Newspaper Cutting (Fynmore Scrapbooks p.95) 12th December 1896

Damage to the Sea Wall and Road at Seabrook: The gales of last week did serious damage to the roadway near the old Lifeboat House at Seabrook, and also to the sea wall about a quarter of a mile to the westward. The Sandgate sea wall remains intact, but between the point where it ends and that where the Seabrook Estate Company's wall commences, the sea has scooped out the metal and undermined the tramway for some distance ... the breach in the seawall is of large dimensions ... tramcars prevented from running.

1929

July 1929.

TIDAL WAVE 10-12 feet above ordinary sea level at the crown of the swell. Thought to be a recurrence of episode in 1812, some disturbance under the sea-bed.

Fishermen and others on Hythe beach described the conditions there, for a short time on Saturday evening, as being unparalleled in their experience. A huge black cloud formed out at sea and approached the town with almost incredible rapidity. It was low tide at the time, but two successive waves about 10ft. and 4ft. in height brought the water to the high water mark within a space of 10 minutes ... Very luckily there were no boats in the bay, because no small craft would have survived ... 'With an ordinary tidal wave (said an onlooker) one has plenty of warning. This rose out only just behind the surf at a tremendous height and rushed up the beach, collapsed, and went back again to vanish just as quickly'.

1935

Folkestone Herald. September 1935. p.14

Gale and Storm Damage: Folkestone swept by worst gale for many years, Sandgate flooded ... Maid of Orleans unable to dock at Folkestone Harbour, harbour closed to traffic. Gale damage at Hythe, considerable amount of water lying between Cannongate and Seaview Buildings ... huge blocks of concrete removed at Prince's Parade. Sea came through almost where it willed.

1895 Daily News. 7th December 1895.

Gale continued in the English Channel with increased violence .. very high flow of water ... huge waves breaking on the foreshore and racing over it on to the roadway. Whole promenade between Sandgate and Seabrook covered with shingle to a considerable depth tram service between Hythe and Sandgate had to be suspended.

1898 Cassell's Magazine. 8th October 1898.

The Sea's Give and Take: Some parts of the Kentish Coast are constantly suffering from inroads of the sea. The little town of Sandgate is a case in point. Large portions of it in the last decade have been made booty of by the waves. One house and ground on which it stood completely vanished.

Newspaper Cutting. (Fynmore Scrapbooks) p.96

Clerk to Sandgate UDC had written to Local Govt. Board pointing out urgency of providing defences against encroachment of the sea at Sandgate ... Mr. Bateman said the question was whether they were at present in a position to build the necessary groynes. He remembered telling the man that built the Seabrook wall that he knew how to build a wall, but he did not know where it ought to be. That wall was 40 feet in front of where it ought to be and that had been the cause of their trouble.

1900 The Cinque Ports by F. M. Hueffer (Ford Madox Ford)

The sea, as a rule, is sleepy and washed the foot of the wall with a lazy murmur. But once a year ... more often in some years ... it wakes up and makes a plaything of the wall, tears great masses out of it, and carries them off to unknown depths. This is more particularly the case at the juncture of Seabrook and Sandgate. Here, perhaps because of its situation in the bottom of the bay, the sea invariably works its winter will. I do not remember ever to have passed through the place without seeing works of some sort in progress. In the winter the sea is engaged in making gaps; throughout the rest of the year the local authorities in repairing them.

1907 Newspaper Cutting (Fynmore Scrapbooks p.98) 1907.

The Beach at Sandgate: Remarkable, indeed, is the increase of this natural defence of the foreshore at Sandgate and more especially to the west of the Castle. At the same time Hythe Bay is being gradually denuded of beach, and should the same conditions continue to prevail, the matter is likely to assume a somewhat serious aspect.

1935 Hythe Borough Council Minutes (172). 3rd. January 1935.

A letter was read from the Clerk to the Romney and Denge Marsh Main Drains Catchment Board stating that a Quarterly Meeting of the Board would be held on Monday, the 7th January, and asking for the latest advices respecting the action which the Hythe Council is taking in regard to the breach at Seabrook, and adding that he was afraid the Board would view with grave apprehension the further inroad made by the sea, and that he expected they would feel compelled to take some action in order that the safety of Romney Marsh might not be jeopardized.

1935 Hythe Borough Council Minute (33). 5th March 1935.

The Minister can only make grants to the Catchment Boards under the Land Drainage Act 1930, and a Catchment Board can only carry out works of sea defence if such works can be held to be drainage works in connection with the 'main river' under their jurisdiction.

1935 Folkestone Express. 28th September 1935

With regard to the seawall and promenade at the Seabrook end of the Borough, the Borough Surveyor said 150 tons of roadway had been carried away and 30ft. of promenade had collapsed ... Fifty per cent. of seawater came over canal bank and found its way into canal and damaged the banks.

1938 Folkestone Herald 29th January 1938 p.22.

Prince's Parade. The Surveyor reported that a large amount of beach had been washed away from Prince's Parade ... in fact he had never seen so much carried away. It occurred at the eastern end and he did not think it advisable to raise the groyne at the present time ... Some 60-70 iron rails exposed up to 2'6" and he would like to have cut them off. Also the P/O telephone cables had been exposed.

A P P E N D I X 3

Illustrations



KEEP IN LINE: The dancers worked out for two hours

ZUMBA CHALLENGE: Participants raise £400 for a Dancers move and groove for African charity

By Antony Thrower
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A ZUMBA instructor "on a real mission" inspired 30 dancers to raise £400 towards the education of African children.

Three men and one nine-year-old boy joined a group of ladies for the two-hour challenge, which was held at the Folkestone School for Girls on Saturday, April 26, in aid of the Shelo Orphanage Foundation.

Foundation

The charity was founded in 2009 by Tom Finch, from Folkestone who visited Uganda and was shocked to see many youngsters could not go to school as they could not afford items such as uniform, pencils or paper.

The foundation now helps about 300 children in the Bududa district of eastern Uganda.

Mr Finch's mother Gwen Finch, who is also from



REACH FOR THE SKY: The dancers helped raise about £400

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Folkestone works for the NHS, said: "It was great, I'm still aching today though."

"I do zumba but our instructor Jo Thompson last weekend took it to another level. She was on a real mission."

"Thirty took part, including three men. It was a good workout but I was straight in the hot tub when I got home."

■ To donate, visit www.bmycharity.com/gwen



FOR CHILDREN: The dancers helped raise funds for the Shelo Orphanage Foundation



WORKOUT: Gwen said instructor Jo (right) was 'on a mission'



ANOTHER LEVEL: Dancers were impressed by Jo's enthusiasm



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IN FOCUS: The district council's plans for the future development of Princes Parade have raised concerns

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Independent experts' views on *parade* development plan

Chartered surveyor **Jim Martin**, who lives in Seabrook, and architect **Roger Joyce** share their thoughts on the possible development of Princes Parade in Hythe...

FURTHER to the item in the Herald of April 24, regarding the council's discussions regarding the future of Princes Parade which took place a full 50 years ago in 1964, I am eagerly awaiting the latest report to Shepway District Council by their senior officers regarding the potential development of Princes Parade.

Herald readers will recall that the report was supposed to be put before the council in December but there have clearly been some difficulties.

The report will not be released to the public until just one week before the cabinet meeting on May 28 at which it will be discussed.

From e-mails released under the Freedom of Information Act, as reported

been resolved, and it is likely English Heritage will object vigorously because of the development's impact on the Royal Military Canal, a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

SDC has wasted £160,000 of local people's money carrying out a consultation on a scheme they were told was viable.

It is very likely that the new scheme will lose the people of Shepway even more money, because it is even less viable than the last ill-conceived idea, it simply is not viable to build on this site because of the contamination, the depth of piling required and the protection required to the Royal Military Canal.

I also note from the Herald that the Imperial hotel golf course, also on Princes Parade, has been put forward as a potential development site. I am wondering if there is a possible link here?

If the council's plans progress, the development of Princes Parade will also mean the redevelopment of the existing swimming pool site in South Road, the development of the Eversley Road school site and the redevelopment of the Seabrook Primary site, so there is a substantial knock-on effect from the council's proposals at Princes Parade.

I would ask Herald readers to be vigilant and let your Shepway councillors know your thoughts on what appears to be a possible development along the whole seafront along Princes Parade.

Jim Martin BSc Dip Proj Man RMAFS FRICS

■ What are your thoughts on the possible development of Princes Parade, both at the Folkestone end and the golf course? E-mail eleanor.jones@KRNmedia.co.uk

by the Herald, it appears that the cost of the leisure centre is now estimated at £6million, half the previous cost of £12million.

As a chartered surveyor, experienced in this type of development, I can confirm that a £6million – or 50 per cent – reduction in construction costs during a period of building cost inflation is impossible.

The issue of building a school on a contaminated site on the seafront, which is a particular issue given the winter storms we've suffered, has not been fully considered.

I am also flabbergasted that Shepway seems intent on turning our "green and pleasant land" into a car park by including 180 spaces on a piece of protected open land.

The issues of dealing with the contamination and the piling for foundations have not

CONCERNS: Chartered surveyor Jim Martin believes building on Princes Parade would not be financially viable

FURTHER to the article about GSE putting land at the Hythe Imperial in to the SDC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) – It was a thought that struck me some time ago, and I spoke to English Heritage, to SDC, to GSE and to the MD of a homes company, who told me "I am in talks with SDC about the land".



SUGGESTIONS: Roger Joyce

It's not difficult to imagine that all the facilities SDC want to put on their own land, in order to maximise the value, could be more easily put on the western end of Princes Parade, leaving the thinner, more difficult end, open as a trade-off. This will need more imagination, and is more complicated to achieve, but it could be done – the Hythe swimming pool could be built to a very high standard and could be run by the hotel, under licence.

The extra housing could be negotiated within the strategic housing sites the SHLAA is intended to achieve, as an "enabling development", with cash going to SDC, as part of the developer's contribution. The school could be put at the eastern end of the wider (west) site, and the open golf course moved eastwards, to meet up with the play area at Seabrook Point

The development would take place on uncontaminated ground, and the tip material removed, in remediating the eastern stretch, returning the setting of the Royal Military Canal to its original condition, creating at the same time a leisure area that the school and the public could use. But under no circumstances should GSE be allowed to develop the golf course while SDC develops the former tip. That would result in an unacceptable urbanisation of a pleasant amenity and be contrary to SDC's own policies.

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The area at Princes Parade, Hythe, which is due for redevelopment and, right, artist's impression of the new pool and leisure centre could look

We want views of all our members

by Sam Lennon
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A new wave of opposition to the Princes Parade development has arisen.

Nearly everyone at a 120-strong Hythe Civic Society meeting said "No" to the controversial scheme for a new swimming pool, school and 36 houses on the site.

Now the society is planning to further gauge opinion from its 825 members at a larger meetings shortly.

Chairman Christopher

Civic Society to gauge opinion of its 825 members on seafront development

Melchers said: "At that meeting the overwhelming majority were against this and it was the first time we had

it to the wider membership. Now we want a subsequent meeting to discuss this further."

The group had discussed the issue at its fortnightly meeting at Hythe Bay School.

Its leadership, a 16-strong committee, has voiced its opposition to the scheme over the last couple of years but now the opinions of rank and file members are being gauged.

The committee was due to meet again on Tuesday to discuss the time and place for the wider meeting and whether it should be public

Mr Melchers said: "We as a committee already made clear in newsletters that this plan was wrong for Princes Parade."

"Our committee was very clear that this area should be kept long term for recreational use."

"So we said we wanted no housing and no big swimming pool on the site, that it should be enjoyed as a public open space."

"When we discussed this last week our audience requested a bigger, better meeting to discuss this further."

for Princes Parade. 17 acres of Shepway council-owned land, involves a new town swimming pool and Seabrook Primary School and 36 town houses.

A survey in June showed public opinion in Hythe being largely split with 54% in favour of the development and 44% against.

Shepway District Council unanimously backed the scheme last May in principle but wanted to make sure that there was no further development on the land beyond this.



Christopher Melchers - "We

HYTHE MARINA INQUIRY

Inspector hears the pros

Toad run promise

BREEDING toads are to get a helping hand if the building of the Port Hythe marina complex gets the go-ahead.

A public inquiry into the scheme was told last week that a toad run would be provided for the warty lovers.

What concern is it of yours? Society asked

THE role of the Sandgate society at the inquiry has been questioned by Hythe Civic Society representative Alan Stirk.

After the Sandgate society's Linda Rene-Martin had questioned at length marina planner Michael Beese, Mr Stirk said: "There is considerable concern about the extent of detail they are going into in matters which are not in their area at all.

"I fail to see what concern it is of theirs about the status of the Royal Military Canal as a historic

monument or the loss of bathing facilities at Hythe.

"My own society would not dream of intervening in Sandgate in the way they have done here."

Mrs Rene-Martin retorted This is not a territorial question. We don't divide Shepway into little parcels, this concerns the whole of Shepway.

She said she was putting forward concerns about the impact of the proposed marina on Sandgate.

"It is far nearer to Sandgate than it is to your own home," she told Mr Stirk.

Mr Stirk indicated his society was giving qualified support to the plan, but he was concerned about the density of housing proposed, the loss of green land along the canal and the prospect of the new houses being let for holiday accommodation.

Mr Beese did not think the density would conflict with existing housing, and said the houses and flats were intended for sale as dwellings.

Mr Stirk said his society was also concerned that the marina bridge was for emergency use only, therefore cutting off traffic flow along Princes Parade.

Residents will have their say

SPECIAL sessions are being set aside for residents to have their say about the controversial plans for a marina and homes at Seabrook.

Jeffrey Parkinson, the inspector conducting the public inquiry into the scheme, said there would be day and evening sessions for people living in the

from 10am to mid afternoon and again from 6.30pm.

The inquiry had opened on troubled waters when one of the main objectors, Seabrook Association chairman Bernard Binns, said members were under the impression the inspector would be visiting Seabrook to hear what local people had to say.

Mr Parkinson asked:

Members of the public, in the gallery, said it had been reported in the local Press that the inspector would visit Seabrook.

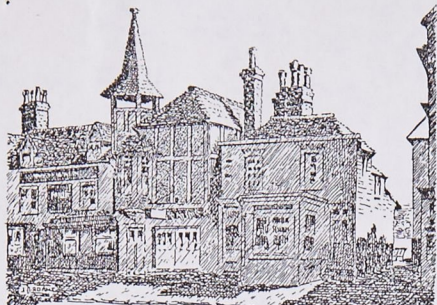
There must have been a misunderstanding, replied Mr Parkinson.

He pointed out that the council chamber at the Civic Centre was large enough to give everyone objecting to the scheme a chance to

spectators.

■ Anyone wanting to discuss the timing of their evidence or have access to photocopying facilities is asked to contact Shepway District council's deputy secretary and solicitor Jennifer Atyeo on Folkestone 57388 extension 297.

The council is asking people to put their views in writing if possible so they can be



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29th September 1989

To The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration

A Claim to have Sustained Injustice in consequence of Maladministration by the Secretary of State for the Environment when arriving at his decisions regarding the Hythe (Kent) Marina proposals, related to the grant of Scheduled Monument Consent in respect of part of the Royal Military Canal. This representation is made by the Sandgate Society, affiliated to the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies, and is supported by the Seabrook Association (1983).

Dear Sir,

1. SCENARIO (Reference to letters attached at Appendix A is made by a capital letter in brackets).
- a) A firm of developers (Southern Spas) made a Planning Application to Shepway District Council for the construction of a Marina, associated servicing facilities, and a housing development. The Secretary of State called the application in and set up a Public Inquiry (A). He gave notice also that the Inquiry would deal with a related application for Scheduled Monument Consent for destruction of part of the Royal Military Canal which had been made by the developer (D).
- b) In the event, Consent (G) was given the day before the opening of the Inquiry and the objectors were only so informed by counsel for the Developer just prior to the opening of the Inquiry on the 10th November 1987. The granting of this Consent was in flagrant disregard for the procedures set out in the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 (as amended), Schedule 1, Part 1, Paragraph 3, sub-paragraphs 2 & 3. Such premature consent imparted bias into the proceedings of the Inquiry and caused the Inspector to say in his report, paragraph 253, that "consent was a material consideration".
- c) Despite protests made to the Inquiry Inspector at the time, and subsequently through our constituency Member of Parliament, the Rt. Hon. Michael Howard Q.C., The Minister set his face against revocation of the Consent regardless of the fact that it was granted in a manner contrary to the provisions of the Act as detailed above. The Minister then asked for any further objections (in fact, no objections had been considered before consent was given !) but the objectors were still not dealt with as stipulated in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 of the Act.

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No opportunity was given to objectors to appear in person before the Secretary of State's appointee, or at the Inquiry, to make representations before the consent decision was given, nor was it possible for the objectors to expose the defective nature of the "concessions" with which the developer had persuaded English Heritage to withdraw opposition (CC). This letter of 21 September 1987 and a subsequent letter of 13 October 1987 (DD) were denied to us (see R) and were not made available until August 1989. At Appendix B we have detailed our observations on the "undertakings" and their spurious nature. Had this information been made known to us earlier we could have acted appropriately; moreover, Shepway District Council were aware of the dubious nature of the "undertakings" and failed to advise the Minister accordingly.

- d) On 10 August 1989 the Minister gave his decision on both matters - The Marina Planning Application and the question of revocation of the Consent. He required that the Developer's undertakings associated with the Consent be incorporated in an Agreement between the Developer and Shepway District Council, thereby forging a direct-linked relationship between the Planning Application and the Consent. As described in Appendix B, the Minister appears to have been hoodwinked during the discussion process.

2. BASIS OF CLAIM

Our contention, which we ask you to investigate, is that:

- a) The maladministration evidenced by reason of the failure to observe the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act in respect of objectors to a Consent was such as to render the Consent flawed and in need of revocation.
- b) The Minister compounded this maladministration by failing, on receipt of further complaints and objections, to involve the revocation procedure or to deal with the objectors in accordance with Schedule 1, Part 1, Paragraph 3 of the Act.
- c) The refusal of English Heritage to make principal documents available to the objectors or to discuss matters with them amounted to unfair discrimination when compared with the attention given to the developers.
- d) The influence of the premature Consent on the Inquiry proceedings was significant in that it introduced bias and the Minister was thereby responsible for a lack of justice for the objectors.

CONCLUSION

To summarise, we ask you to investigate our claims of bias and negligence on the part of English Heritage and of bias, negligence and maladministration on the part of the Department of the Environment in respect of the manner in which Scheduled Monument Consent for works to 1040 metres of the historic Royal Military Canal was (a) granted, (b) advised, and (c) failed to be revoked. We suffered in that our rights as objectors were prejudiced and our right to examine evidence was subordinated to the interests of the developer. As objectors, we suffered wrong in that the Secretary of State has, by reason of improper powers, reached a flawed decision. We consider that the Consent should be revoked and, if so desired by the developer, a new application be made which can usefully include the Redoubt area to ensure that the totality be examined.

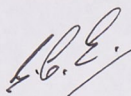
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You will appreciate that our representations against injustice have been made over a period of some two years and have involved financial costs in addition to the considerable expenditure of time and effort. We would be grateful to learn whether there is a procedure for obtaining any pecuniary redress.

Appendix A lists the main letters in date order so that the case history can be followed in detail without further narration by me.

Appendix B gives a brief analysis of the undertakings listed as 1 to 4 by the developer's solicitors in their letter of 21 September 1987 (CC).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G.C. Edmunds', with a stylized flourish at the end.

G.C. Edmunds, M.A., F.C.I.T.
Chairman Sandgate Society

APPENDIX A

LIST OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER

- A. 3 Apr 1987 Shepway District Council to all objectors to proposed Marina etc., re call-in letter from Secretary of State, and arrangements. Note para iv.
- B. 2 Sep 1987 Sandgate Society to DoE stating grounds for objection at the Inquiry. Mrs Linda Ren -Martin will give evidence for the Society.
- C. 3 Sep 1987 Seabrook Association to DoE re Developer's application for Scheduled Monument Consent in respect of the Royal Military Canal. Note last paragraph.
- CC. 21 Sep 1987 Moore & Blatch to English Heritage refers to a private meeting between the parties, argues in favour of consent, makes the offer of certain undertakings, misleads by suggesting that a Marina was envisaged in the County Structure Plan on the proposed site (the suggestion for a marina was for the land between the Canal and Prince's Parade. At no time was destruction of the Canal envisaged)., and (despite the firm's presumed knowledge of the law and the offence of encouraging illegal acts) asks the Minister to consider and decide the application prior to the Inquiry, thereby depriving objectors of their legal rights.
- D. 28 Sep 1987 DoE to Mrs Ren -Martin confirming that Inquiry will be concerned with Scheduled Monument Consent application. 150 copies of this letter were sent to objectors. See also copy attached of Public Notice inserted in local press by Shepway District Council.
- DD. 13 Oct 1987 Further letter from Moore & Blatch to English Heritage subsequent to latter's letter of 12 October, which has not been shown to us.
- E. 22 ^{Sept} Oct 1987 Letter from Lord Montagu refusing any discussions between English Heritage and the objectors.
- F. 4 Nov 1987 English Heritage (Mrs E.A. Veck) to DoE Heritage Sponsorship Division (Mr. A.M. Findlay) detailing "concessions" (surely not the right word !) offered by the developers. This letter was not seen by us until receipt of letter R dated 23 June 1988 from English Heritage.
- G. 9 Nov 1987 (Faxed on 10 Nov at 0930 hrs) from DoE to Moore & Blatch for the developers granting Consent. Copies were not sent to the objectors, including associations representing hundreds or thousands of members, nationwide.
- H. 9 Nov 1987 English Heritage to Shepway District Council seeking to extend the Scheduling of the Canal as an Ancient Monument.
- I. 16 Nov 1987 Seabrook Association (G.B. Binns) to DoE protesting at contradictory statements made regarding the Consent application and approval. This letter was sent during the Inquiry.
- J. 10 Dec 1987 DoE reply to letter of 16 Nov. Apart from deplorable delay, content is inaccurate, misleading, and a smokescreen to conceal major maladministration.

- K. 3 Feb 1988 Sandgate Society (G.C. Edmunds) to Sir George Moseley, an English Heritage Commissioner, regarding approach to Michael Howard M.P. regarding ultra vires consent.

- L. 23 Feb 1988 Sir George Moseley (English Heritage) to Mrs L. René-Martin. Note that Lord Montagu had discussions with the developers but the matter was not put before the Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee, which met on 24.9.87 and 6.11.87.

- M. 4 Mar 1988 Rt. Hon. William Waldegrave to Michael Howard M.P. stated "provided the concessions are adhered to". (Only in August 1989 were the details of the concessions made known and their speciousness revealed).

- MM. 10 Mar 1988 G.C. Edmunds to Michael Howard M.P. commenting upon the inadequacies of the Waldegrave letter of 4 March. (No real satisfactory reply was received to this letter).

- N. 18 May 1988 Lord Caithness to Michael Howard M.P. The second paragraph illuminates the inefficiency of the Department and the third paragraph is insulting in its patronising tone. There should have been no dubiety in his mind had he applied it to the facts - letters and a Public Notice had STATED THAT THE INQUIRY WOULD DEAL WITH THE CONSENT APPLICATION. This letter still ignores the failure to comply with the Act. The proposal to consider "further information" is twisted as the Minister failed to consider any representations from the public prior to granting consent.

Nevertheless, our M.P., Michael Howard, advised us not to refer the matter to you until the Minister reached a decision on the revocation issue, which has at last been made known in August 1989.

- O. 20 May 1988 Notice from DoE, inviting representations.

- P. 8 Jun 1988 Sandgate Society to Sir George Moseley (English Heritage) in an attempt to strengthen the regrettably weak backbone which the spineless English Heritage have demonstrated in their dealings with this matter.

- Q. 23 Jun 1988 Lord Caithness to Michael Howard, M.P., revealing in the third paragraph that there had been maladministration, but still failing to revoke the Consent.

- R. 23 Jun 1988 English Heritage to Mrs René-Martin refusing to provide copies of letters exchanged with the developers, thereby denying the objectors access to vital evidence. Only in August 1989 has it been possible to see these letters.

- S. 27 Jun 1988 G.C. Edmunds to the Heritage Sponsorship Division commenting on Lord Caithness's letter of 18 May (ref N). Also restates the situation in the hope of stimulating some mental activity in the Department.

- T. 2 Jul 1988 G.C. Edmunds to Michael Howard M.P., commenting on Lord Caithness's letter of 23 June (ref Q).

- U. 4 Aug 1988 English Heritage to Mrs Goodwin, President of the Ramblers' Association. Provides more smokescreens. This letter not seen by us until 13.1.89.
- V. 25 Aug 1988 Mrs Virginia Bottomley to Michael Howard, M.P., admitting that Mr. Edmunds surmises had been correct and that errors had been made. She gives an assurance that the errors will be corrected "in so far as it is possible". This last phrase sounds ominously like preparation for a whitewash job.
- W. 25 Aug 1988 Mrs Virginia Bottomley to Michael Howard M.P., concerning letters of 19 June and 4 July from Mrs René-Martin. This confirms that the DoE letter of 28 Sep 1987 was sent to 150 interested parties. Also mentioned is the possibility of judicial review should the Minister fail to reach a proper and reasonable decision in respect of the question of revocation of consent.
- X. 7 Oct 1988 G.C. Edmunds to Michael Howard M.P., commenting on Mrs Virginia Bottomley's letter of 25 August (ref. W).
- Y. 12 Jan 89 Sandgate Society (G.C. Edmunds) to Michael Howard M.P. First part of the letter refers to the Private Bill being promoted by the Developer and Shepway District Council, the second part refers to the Consent problems and the possible role of the Ombudsman.
- Z. 31 Mar 89 Sandgate Society (G.C. Edmunds) to Michael Howard M.P. Reinforces letter of 12 January and enquires about the Ombudsman situation. No reply has yet been received (September 1989).

APPENDIX B

1. This provides a commentary on the undertakings listed in Moore & Blatch letter of 21 Sep 87 (CC in Appendix A) which the Minister directs be included within the Planning Agreement to be finalised between the Developer and Shepway District Council.
2. These undertakings are so specious as to be totally inadequate as compensation to the public for the loss of the most important part of the Royal Military Canal (Inspector's Report, para 253).

3. Undertaking 1

"To instruct their Architects to re-design the layout with a view to preserving what is left of the Redoubt and/or to incorporate it in a rebuilt or enhanced form in its present position".

The Redoubt is of less interest than the areas to be destroyed and the rise in waterlevel in the marina basin will obscure much of the main wall which, in any case, will only be visible from residences on the opposite side of the basin, away from public view. The new North service road and footpaths will cut a ten metre swathe through the flank of the redoubt and there is no other space through which the route could be re-aligned to join with the A259 trunk road. Sir George Moseley (letter L) has been misled into believing such an alteration is possible. The situation is confused in that the developer failed to make an up-to-date survey and was working off obsolete maps which did not include recent house and garage building activities. It does appear that there is little scope for an architectural re-design and there is therefore little of value in Undertaking 1.

4. Undertaking 2

"To make provision for the protection of the Redoubt in an appropriate form with security railings or fencing and public notice or plaque".

This is the first to be heard of "fencing off" the Redoubt. Up to now it had been believed that the public would have access to the Redoubt and be able to use it as a viewing platform. Once the road has been built through the Redoubt the remaining areas will be very limited.

5. Undertaking 3

"To provide within the development a museum area and to make suitable arrangements with the Local Authority or any appropriate local Society or Charity for the provision of funds for its maintenance, which could be used to display the maps, plans and information which are available to show the whole concept and purpose of the whole of the Royal Military Canal and its Associated Works, including the Redoubt, the Barracks and the Martello towers, including appropriate models".

This is undoubtedly an effort on the part of the developer to provide some compensation for his depredations. Regrettably, the construction of a museum, even including models, is no substitute for the real thing. Also, at a later date, during the Inquiry it became apparent that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find room for such a building and area

within the confines of the marina development. It has been suggested that a better site could be found alongside the Canal in a car park in the middle of Hythe. To have an illustrative museum there could be attractive, but the problem of the Eastern end of the Canal would remain unsolved.

6. Undertaking 4

"To make provision for access from the Marina basins to the Canal for motor boats and similar sized craft, to enable the Canal to be navigated to and from the sea at each end".

This is the most unsatisfactory of all the undertakings. The plans provide for the construction of a new road across the top of the "dam" which will separate the basin from the truncated canal. A crane or roller system across the road would be difficult to provide and maintain. In particular, the salt water of the marina must not be liable to pollute the fresh water of the Canal. Two fixed dams in the Canal, West of Hythe preclude through navigation, and the use of powered boats, at present prohibited, would soon damage the earth banks. At a Shepway Council meeting on 27 September 1989 a number of Councillors expressed their doubts about the desirability and feasibility of such an arrangement; certainly, the low headroom under some road bridges which cross the Canal render the idea of motor boats quite untenable. The question of long term development is a separate issue, particularly as the remainder of the Canal should be scheduled shortly. In any case, this undertaking does nothing for those who wish to preserve this unique monument in its historic state.

7. Conclusion

The undertakings are a very poor exchange for the loss of the Canal and, had the statutory right of representation not been suppressed prior to the granting of consent (see also the final paragraph of Moore & Blatch's letter of 21 Sep 87), we consider that the failure of the Department to make a proper evaluation of the "undertakings" would have been exposed during the course of our dialogue with the Minister's appointee. This is a further example of the maladministration which appears to be rife in the Department of the Environment. By accepting this poor deal from the developers, without considering the views of objectors or evaluating the quality of the undertakings, the Minister has misdirected himself to the detriment of those who had made formal representations.

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Homes 'to make council money'

Green space protesters seize on consultant's admission

Report by Eleanor Jones

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THE proposed development of Princes Parade is purely for Shepway District Council to make money, one of its consultants reportedly said.

The admission emerged at a meeting of Hythe Town Council's planning committee on Tuesday. Seabrook resident Denise Maskell had asked members to discuss SDC's plans to build on the open space.

Addressing just three town councillors, as those that are also district councillors had to declare interests and leave the meeting, Mrs Maskell urged members to oppose the proposals.

She said: "At the last public inquiry in 2003, the inspector said Seabrook was deficient in every sort of public open space. Since then, 400 dwellings have either been built or been given planning permission in the area.

"The inspector described the prospect eastwards along Princes Parade as one of the finest vistas in the district. If building is allowed, that will be lost forever.

"Before anyone uses the 'can't be preserved in aspic' argument, I'd like to remind you that the Royal Military Canal and its settings are unique and of national importance and merit being preserved.

"And although the brief to consultants suggested a coastal park be built as well, I believe this is a PR exercise to try to persuade



CONCERNED: Those living near Princes Parade say it is vital open space and should not be developed

local residents to accept development."

The Herald revealed last month that SDC was to pay consultants about £75,000 to investigate the redevelopment possibilities of the land, with the purpose of "securing a residential allocation".

The proposal is to go out for public consultation this summer but, speaking for Hythe Civic Society at Tuesday's meeting, Alan Joyce said he hoped this would include an option to leave the site as is, rather than asking

respondents to pick a method of development. He also raised concerns over contamination of the land, once used as a rubbish dump, and flooding.

Development

David Plumstead, of the Shepway Environment and Community Network, added: "When I was speaking to Louise Mansfield, a consultant employed by SDC, she told me it was an enabling development, in order to raise money.

"But what's far more important than scratching around for more money is to preserve our rapidly dwindling open space.

"This sounds like the inevitable banging of a tree-hugger's green drum but I assure you, it's very serious.

"If the wildlife infrastructure collapses, we will follow soon afterwards."

Members of the council agreed not to debate the issue, as they are also due to meet consultants and did not want to fetter their discretion before any future vote.

But Councillor John Griffiths said constituents feared the development, and the houses in the Hythe Imperial grounds, could pave the way for building on the Imperial golf course in between.

Committee chairman Rosemary Griffiths was concerned by SDC's announcing the proposals before Hythe's neighbourhood plan was completed.

She said: "It's disappointing to find that Hythe's views won't be allowed to be heard."

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COUNCIL - 27TH SEPTEMBER 1989

PORT MARINA - PLANNING AGREEMENT
PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY BILL

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To consider and determine the expediency of:-

Incorporating additional clauses in the proposed planning agreement with Port Hythe Marina Developments (Kent) Limited ("the Company") in connection with the above planning application;

Jointly promoting with the Company in the session of Parliament 1989/90, a Bill for effecting all or some of the objects and purposes contained in the draft resolution in paragraph 5 to this report.

THE PLANNING ISSUES

- .1 The site at Princes Parade Hythe was the subject of an application for outline planning permission for the construction of a harbour, marina and associated residential, commercial and leisure facilities. At a special meeting of the Council on the 6th November 1986 (minute 30) it was resolved to grant planning permission for the development referred to in application SH/86/0757 subject to certain conditions and to the prior entry into a planning agreement by the Company.
- .2 The planning application was called in by the Secretary of State for determination by him and a Public Inquiry was held in November 1987. A draft planning agreement approved by the Company and the Council was submitted to the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to hold the Inquiry.
- .3 The Inspector's report has now been received together with a letter of explanation from the Department of the Environment on behalf of the Secretary of State. The Inspector recommended that planning permission be granted subject to an agreement first being entered into between the Company and the District Council in the form of the draft agreement submitted to the Inquiry. However, the Secretary of State is of the opinion that certain undertakings given by the Company to English Heritage should also be incorporated into that agreement so that these undertakings are legally binding. The additional matters are as follows:-

BALONEY!!

- "(i) the Company to instruct their architect to redesign the layout of the development with a view to preserving what is left of the Redoubt and/or to incorporate it into a rebuilt or in an enhanced form in its present position.
- (ii) to make provision for the protection of the Redoubt in an appropriate form with security railings or fencing and public notice or plaque.
- (iii) To provide within the development a museum area and to make suitable arrangements with the local authority or any appropriate local society or charity for the provision of funds for its maintenance, which could be used to display the maps, plans and information which are available to show the whole concept and purpose of the whole of the Royal Military Canal and its associated works including the Redoubt, the Barracks and the Martello Towers, including appropriate models.
- (iv) to make provision for access from the Marina basin to the canal for motorboats and similar sized craft, to enable the canal to be navigated to and from the sea at each end."

4. As a comment on para. (iv) above there is nothing in the Company's undertaking to oblige the Council to permit the use of the Canal under its control to be used by motorboats. Nevertheless, it is thought desirable to have such a facility provided during the construction stage. It is anticipated that there would be some form of winching or lifting facility over the fixed barrier between the Canal and the Marina Basins.

5. The Secretary of State has given the Company and the Council until 10th November 1989 to conclude an agreement incorporating these undertakings.

6. Authority is sought to conclude such an agreement incorporating the additional terms identified by the Secretary of State.

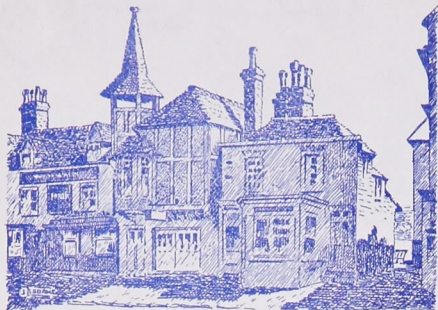
IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED:-

1. That an agreement with the Company be entered into pursuant to Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 and all other powers enabling the Council in that behalf in a form acceptable to the Secretary of State.

2. That the Secretary and Solicitor be authorised to take all necessary steps to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

At the recent Local Inquiry into the Folkestone and Hythe Local Plan, First Alterations, the Sandgate Society (represented by Mrs L. René-Martin) was called as witness for the Seabrook Association in support of their objections to the inclusion of the Royal Military Canal and Prince's Parade Highway in the policy guideline T.8. The site as a whole represents part of Sandgate's ^{Public} 'Open Space Needs' as defined in the Sandgate Study (1976) published by Shepway District Council in conformity with the Local Government Act of 1972. Mrs René-Martin stressed that recreation and tourism could apply to something on TWO LEGS as well as on FOUR WHEELS.

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FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE LOCAL PLAN - FIRST ALTERATIONS

Public Local Inquiry 18 September 1990

Sandgate Society (Mrs L. René-Martin) appearing as

Witness for Seabrook Association

in support of objections to

Policy T 8 (Page 32, 33)

under the heading of 'Tourism and Recreation'

Evidence appended shows that Policy and site plan also fail to respect

1. The Open Space Needs of Sandgate, and
2. The historical significance of the Royal Military Canal, its banks and associated works, for Sandgate and the Nation-at-large. (See Appendix 1)
3. The acquisition and purposes of the site, including MOD rights in perpetuity (See Appendix 2)

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1. RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE NEEDS (p.34 and 35) of Policy Document

1.1 Par: 7.11.1 states that 'the area is generally well supplied with facilities for both formal and informal recreation but there are a number of identified deficiencies and more may be identified from time to time'

1.2 Sandgate's deficiencies within the urban area and its 'Open Space Needs' were defined in 1975 in the Sandgate Study an Informal District Plan published by Shepway District Council in conformity with the Local Government Act of 1972.

Policy Document

→ Section 15 (p.75), Sandgate, pays no regard.

1.3 The boundaries of Sandgate are defined naturally by Army land, the coast and Radnor Cliff (p.2). Under the heading Public Open Space, the District Plan (ibid) stated (p.14) 'Clearly, it would not be practicable to meet completely all open space needs within the small area of Sandgate, and a full range of facilities can only be achieved by looking to the surrounding areas' and it added 'the open area on the landward side of the coast road [Prince's Parade] west of Seabrook does much to offset local deficiencies' (p.14) 15

1.4 Since the Sandgate Study was drawn up, Sandgate's Open Space Needs have become all the more acute. Since 1986 alone, over 700 housing units have been built or planned within the Sandgate area. This unprecedented upsurge follows upon demolition and intensive redevelopment of old property, by infill, and by the release of 18 acres of MOD land on Hospital Hill for housing, and an approved residential complex on the 27 acre wooded Enbrook estate close to the village centre. The Sandgate Study addressed the possible use of part of these grounds for public recreation (p.41 and 57) but this is now ruled out.

1.5 The full extent of the maintenance gangway fronting the Sandgate seawall is unusable in storm conditions and at some high tides, and is not dedicated to Public Use. Bicycling is forbidden (Exhibit 3) Part of the small Sandgate Recreation Ground on Military Road is reserved for a 'dog loo' and is unsuitable for children (Exhibit 1)

1.6 Under Tourism and Recreation the Sandgate Study states (p.13) 'Reference has been made previously to the extent to which kerbside parking is available along the Esplanade and Prince's Parade towards Hythe, and the general adequacy of this provision for parking requirements associated with the coast. As it happens, there are no suitable opportunities for making further arrangements within the Study area and should a future need arise it will only be possible to consider this in relation to Prince's Parade.' On fine weekends, the increasing congestion alongside the A 259 on Sandgate Esplanade underlines this need.

1.7 Site Plan T 8 includes a section of the roadway known as Prince's Parade. This is an essential road link between Sandgate and Hythe and provides a convenient alternative to the congested Seabrook Road (A 259). It must be excluded from the site plan and remain open.

1.8 In view of Sandgate's limitations, the Prince's Parade site, a flat area between the golf course and the Little Chef is all the more essential for walking, fishing, canoeing and informal recreation for all age groups. The designated long distance footpath, the Saxon Shoreway (Exhibit 3) runs along the south side of the Canal and provides a sheltered scenic walk. Referring to the birds and wildlife, the Chairman of the recent Parliamentary Select Committee found the site 'absolutely fascinating'. The Sandgate Society supports the Seabrook Association's requests for amendment and revision to the Folkestone and Hythe Local Plan.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report Number

5267

To : **ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE - 27 NOVEMBER 1995**

Subject : **PRINCES PARADE, HYTHE - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS**

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report identifies some potential problems and concerns related to Princes Parade and surrounding area of coastline following the completion of the Hythe Coast Protection Strategy.
- 1.2. The report goes on to consider a vision for the future of this area for consideration by the Committee.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. The Princes Parade Area of Hythe, between Battery Point and Twiss Road has traditionally been a popular area for swimmers, anglers and promenaders.
- 2.2. This popularity has been evident particularly by the number of vehicles parking along Princes Parade and at the parking areas of Battery Point and Twiss Road. Despite a 40mph speed limit along this road problems of speeding traffic are still experienced.
- 2.3. Since the completion of the rock groynes at Twiss Road and Battery Point early in 1995 there have been reports of conflicts between pleasure craft operators, swimmers and other beach users. The new improved beach accesses at these points and improved car parking has resulted in more demands being placed on the areas.
- 2.4. The new beach presently being constructed is expected to further enhance the amenity of the area. It is also expected that this will lead to greater usage of the area and more potential for conflict.
- 2.5. The possible enhancement of the Royal Military Canal in this vicinity is also likely to increase the attractiveness of the area with similar consequences.
- 2.6. This increased usage of the area will lead to an increase in demand for facilities, eg. street furniture, benches, life belts, litter bins, beach cleansing, toilet facilities, signing and car parking.

3.0 THE VISION

- 3.1. The completion of the Hythe Coast Protection Strategy provides a unique opportunity to enhance the amenity and attractiveness of the area.
- 3.2. To deal with the issue of conflict the area of new beach between the rock groynes at Twiss Road and Battery Point would be designated as a "pleasure craft free zone". The sea fronting this beach could be physically delineated by a row of marker buoys between the two rock headlands, supported by appropriate signing.

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Mr Love
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- 3.3. On-street parking along Princes Parade could be improved. Traffic calming measures could be used to increase safety. Pedestrian access from the highway parking areas to the beach could be improved.
- 3.4. New street furniture, benches, litter bins could be provided to further enhance the amenity. There are proposals as part of the coast protection works to resurface the promenade with a high quality aesthetically pleasing surfacing.
- 3.5. The beach accesses at Twiss Road and Battery Point could be formalised so that pleasure craft would only have access to certain areas of the beach for launching and recovery.
- 3.6. There are opportunities for the cost of the works to be funded by contributions from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Coast Protection), the District Council and the Kent County Council (Highways).

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1. The completion of the Hythe Coast Protection Strategy provides a unique opportunity to enhance the amenities within the area of Princes Parade.
- 4.2. Enhancing this area will integrate well with proposals for improving the management of the Royal Military Canal. This is the subject of a separate report being presented to the Environmental Control Sub-Committee at its meeting on 11 December.
- 4.3. Taking positive steps now to deal with potential problems before they arise is the most cost effective way forward.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1. That the report be received.
- 5.2. That the principle of improving the Princes Parade frontage be accepted and that a further report be submitted to the Committee with more detailed costed proposals.

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Marina plan is scuppered

AMBITIOUS plans for a multi-million pound marina and luxury apartments at Hythe have received a final nail in the coffin.

A Department of Environment inspector has said land at Princess Parade and along the Royal Military Canal at Hythe should mainly be kept as open land.

He has said the character of the area should not be radically changed.

His comments were made last week following a public inquiry last July. They have been welcomed by families in the area who were concerned about the area being earmarked in the local plan for intensive development.

One objector who raised his concerns at the hearing was Bernard Binns. He said: "Many Seabrook residents are very concerned with the future of the whole open space and their views were fully expressed, mostly by letter, to the Inspector.

"Perhaps now some progress can be made to redress the appalling recreational inadequacy in the area."

Council out of touch, not us

A leading district councillor was quoted in your paper last week as describing residents fighting the council's plans to develop the fragile open strip of land between the Royal Military Canal and the sea at Princes Parade as "out of touch".

Far from the residents being out of touch, it is our councillors who are out of touch. Not only are they ignoring the concerns of local people but also those of Kent County Council, Historic England, English Heritage, previous reports by government inspectors, and even some of their own consultants, who have equally strong objections to the plans.

Historic England and English Heritage object to the proposals on the grounds that "substantial harm" would be done to the setting and historic context of the Royal Military Canal, and the canal's significance would be severely compromised.

They are right to be alarmed. The canal, a scheduled ancient monument, is unique and the only military canal in the country. Of national, as well as local importance, 'Mr Pitt's Ditch' has a powerful identity and history, and we are fortunate to have such a significant heritage asset in our own back yard.

The council's previous attempt to develop Princes Parade was refused by government inspectors on precisely these grounds.

Kent County Council has also expressed substantial concerns about Shepway District Council's plans for Princes Parade, suggesting they were not based on "a proper understanding of the monument's significance".

They warned of the very great

harm the proposed mixed-use development would cause to the canal. KCC is highly critical too of Shepway's cavalier dismissal of the requirement to demonstrate that the public benefits of the proposal would balance or outweigh the substantial harm that would be done to the site.

They are also dismissive of the council's "suggested benefit" of a new swimming pool and leisure facility in this location, finding that this would not be possible without causing great harm to the setting of the canal.

The plan to put 150 houses (some, four storeys in height) on Princes Parade is also criticised by KCC, which states "we feel that there are wider opportunities and alternative sites for development which would be preferred".

KCC's views echo those of SDC's planning consultants, Lee Evans, who in August 2014 recommended that Shepway omit housing altogether from the plans for Princes Parade. This, they stated, was because alternative sites in the area more than met local needs and targets. Lee Evans also pointed out that the unsuitability of Princes Parade for residential development had long been recognised and that SDC's past attempts to allocate housing to the site had been rejected by previous planning inspectors.

The plan to develop this site – currently designated for open space and recreation – even conflicts with the council's sustainability appraisal published in October, when it scored "a significant negative effect due to it being located on land designated as open space".

It is scandalous that a proper business case (it involves public money) has yet to be presented. Scandalous, too, that our out-of-touch cabinet members voted at their last meeting to submit a planning application for this development, thereby adding

to the hundreds of thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money already wasted on this unnecessary, ill-advised and overwhelmingly unpopular scheme.

Jean Baker
Cheriton

■ I refer to your article 'Councillor says Princes Parade campaigners are "out of touch"' (February 15).

The simple truth is that the current council cabinet members are the ones who are 'out of touch'.

Cllr Rory Love is: Out of touch with their own stated core strategy for protection of the historic environment; out of touch with government policy and planning guidance on scheduled ancient monuments and out of touch with the electorate.

Cllr David Godfrey says his grandchildren will not be able to buy a house unless we build more homes. Yes, but the right homes in the right place, councillor.

Your grandchildren will not be able to afford the marine villas proposed here.

Cllr Susan Carey says "a lot of people want to get on with this".

No doubt a lot of people want a new leisure centre, but build it where it was planned to go – on Martello Lakes.

A lot more people don't want to compromise the setting of Britain's third most important linear monument.

Get in touch, councillors. Listen to the statutory consultees and the electorate, make something with a lasting legacy out of the chain of scheduled ancient monuments and listed buildings that form a unique historic asset, which – linked to a visitor centre at Shorncliffe – would create a narrative that is already bringing thousands of visitors to the area.

Roger Joyce
Jointon Road, Folkestone

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PRINCES PARADE - KEEPING YOU INFORMED

This newsletter is the second in a series of regular updates to help keep you informed about Princes Parade and its future.

STAGE TWO CONSULTATION

The second stage of consultation about the future of Princes Parade is now underway.

A number of ideas have been put forward for discussion, ranging from leaving the site as it is with just a small area of play space at the eastern end to building a new swimming pool, new school and new homes.

Now it is up to local people to study, and comment on, the various scenarios and the principles behind them.

Jeremy Chambers, Shepway District Council's Head of Strategic Projects, said a number of approaches could be taken on the land.

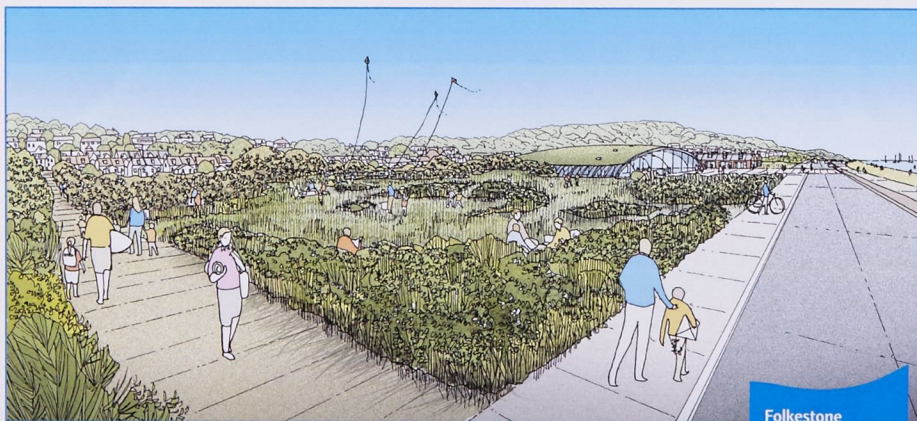
"Our consultants have set out a range of scenarios based on ideas from the first round of consultation and the spread is deliberately broad. Nothing has been

discounted or concluded at this stage and no decisions have been made.

"The components of each one are not set in stone and can be combined in different ways - it's not simply about choosing one idea over another at this stage," said Mr Chambers.

Suggested features include:

- Open spaces - the scenarios retain significant areas of open space and promote public access as well as nature conservation.
- Public access - public access could be extended to wide areas of the site
- Hythe Swimming Pool - some of the scenarios include a new swimming pool.



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- Seabrook Primary School - some of the scenarios include relocating Seabrook Primary School to the eastern end of the site.
- New homes - some of the scenarios include potential family housing
- Seapoint Canoe Centre - all scenarios allow for a new clubhouse.
- Visitor facilities - There are opportunities to provide new visitor facilities.

Mr Chambers said a set of principles had been established based on earlier consultation and these would guide any proposals.

Principles include retaining green space, improving links to the site, clustering any development to allow for larger open spaces, minimizing any potential visual impact, two and three-storey family homes if housing was proposed and sharing facilities if a school was included.

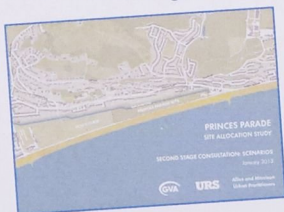
OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO HAVE YOUR SAY



You can see the consultation display and give your comments in Hythe Library any time up until Monday 4 March (Monday to Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-5pm).

You can meet the team to discuss the project on Monday 4 March between 3.30pm and 7.30pm at a drop-in consultation at Seabrook Primary School, Seabrook Road, Hythe.

You can view all consultation material, background reports and complete a questionnaire at www.shepway.gov.uk/princesparade. The closing date for comments on the consultation is Friday 8 March 2013



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The project is currently at the Initial Options Stage where a range of scenarios and different options that capture public feedback have been brought together for people to comment on.

When people have given their views on the initial options, the project will then go to the Preferred Option Stage. This is when a preferred scenario for the site will be identified by GVA and recommended to the council. More consultation will be held.

A final report documenting GVA's rationale and recommendation for the future of Princes Parade will be produced.

So there is still a long way to go before a final decision is taken about what - if any - development takes place on Princes Parade.

We will continue to keep you informed of the project's progress through these updates and via the Princes Parade website www.shepway.gov.uk/princesparade where you can find all the information and documents currently available for the consultation as well as sign up to an electronic version of this newsletter.

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BACKGROUND

Princes Parade is a 17-acre strip of land that runs from Battery Point in Seabrook to the golf course at the Imperial Hotel, Hythe. A former household waste tip, the land is now mainly scrub with one public footpath running across it from the road to the canal tow path.

We have no specific plans or proposals for Princes Parade. However, we believe it has the potential to play a far more beneficial and fulfilling role in the local community than it does at the moment.

We would like to see this site enhanced with an open space similar to that of Coastal Park in Folkestone and believe additional community benefits like housing, a new swimming pool or a replacement building for Seabrook Primary School are worthy of consideration.

For these reasons we have commissioned a new study into the site. The study will give us a full understanding

of Princes Parade and the role it could play in the future of Hythe and the wider communities of Sandgate and Folkestone – whether for leisure, recreation, education, housing or commercial activities. The study is being carried out by GVA Ltd.

We also commissioned a separate independent study into a new swimming pool in the vicinity of Hythe. This study was carried out by Strategic Leisure.

THE STORY SO FAR

GVA has carried out an initial study and held some early consultation into the future of Princes Parade. The initial study covered ground conditions, flood risk and drainage, ecology, heritage and transport. Feedback from the early public consultation reflects a variety of views:

- Enhance the open space and public use
- Improve access and landscape
- Include a variety of open spaces
- Leave the site as it is
- Improve canoe club facilities
- Support for a new swimming pool
- Opposition to a new swimming pool
- Potential for café or restaurant
- Opposition to housing
- Opposition to flats or high value homes
- Focus on local residents for any homes
- Low density and height for any homes
- Respect the heritage setting
- Use high quality design and materials.

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Strategic Leisure has carried out a feasibility study to find a suitable site for a new pool within a 2½ mile radius of the existing, old and out-of-date pool in South Road, Hythe. It also looked at agreed the minimum 'facility mix' to ensure the new pool meets future demand.

The results of both studies were brought together and considered by Cabinet just before Christmas.

HAVE ANY DECISIONS BEEN MADE?

At its meeting on 19 December, Cabinet looked at GVA's initial study into Princes Parade and Strategic Leisure's feasibility study into a new pool.

It agreed that initial options for Princes Parade should now be prepared and that further consultation should take place.

It also endorsed recommendations that the best site for the new pool was Princes Parade and that facilities should include a six lane competition-equipped pool with moveable floor and spectator seating, a teaching pool, multi-purpose hall with two badminton courts and an 82-station fitness gym.

A NEW HOME FOR SEABROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL?

An 'outstanding' school, (Ofsted, July 2012) Seabrook Church of England Primary School needs a new home where it can continue to offer as many children as possible the unique learning experience that it provides.

The current school is old and lacks capacity and although it is regarded as a priority for re-building, this depends on the necessary funds being available from Kent County Council.

Both the school's governing body and its head teacher welcome the prospect of a new, purpose-built school with its own on-site sports facilities and playing fields and

believe that the only active option is Princes Parade.

In a letter to the district council's Chief Executive, the Chairman of Governors and the Headteacher say:

"Governors strongly feel that relocation of the school to Princes Parade would help keep an open profile to part of the site and thus support some of the objectives being sought by local residents."



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

There is still a long way to go before a final decision is taken about what - if any - development takes place on Princes Parade.

Following Cabinet's decision on 19 December, the project now moves to the *Initial Options Stage*. GVA will now produce a range of scenarios and different options. Principles, components and outcomes of each scenario will be clearly described through written summaries and clear diagrams. Consultation will be held through public meetings and exhibitions. Dates for these meetings and exhibitions have not yet been finalised but will be publicised.

The project will then go to the *Preferred Option Stage*. This is when a preferred scenario for the site will be identified by GVA and recommended to the council. More consultation will be held at this stage.

A final report documenting GVA's rationale and recommendation for the future of Prince's Parade will be produced. The whole process is likely to take many months before any final decision is taken.

We will continue to keep you informed of the project's progress through these updates. You can also keep up to date on the council's website www.shepway.gov.uk

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Appendix 2 Acquisition and purposes of the Prince's Parade site 1874 on.

A brief chronology

1874. War Dept leases Royal Military Canal, the south bank, land to the north including the Royal Military Road, silt lagoon and outlet at Seabrook, to Hythe Borough Council @ £ 49 p.a. (See PRO MPH 663/17)
- Hythe Improvement and Waterworks Act 1874, Clause 57, empowers the Corporation inter alia, to cleanse canal, convert into ornamental waters, and lay out as public grounds and walks.
- 1877 Following great storm of 1 January, the sea breaks through the embankment and floods the hinterland
- 1881 22 October, H.R.H.Prince of Wales opened the new embankment or seawall forming a marine parade between Hythe and Sandgate, more than a mile in length and declared it 'open ~~xxx~~ from henceforth to the public'
- 1887 Seabrook Estate Co sold certain land including Prince's Parade Promenade, 6150 feet in length, to the SE Railway Company for the building of a branch line to Folkestone Harbour. A tramway was in fact constructed.
- 1933 By conveyance 2 May, the Canal and adjacent property leased by the War Dept to Hythe Corporation was sold to the Corporation as an open space under the powers conferred by the Hythe Improvement and Waterworks Act 1874, for the sum of £ 4000. This, after prolonged negotiation was considered an 'agricultural price' since the land was not for development. The property was conveyed for the purposes only of the 57th section of the 1874 Act and not for any other purpose. The Secretary of State reserved (1) The right at all times hereafter to use [the said land] for pontooning and for all other military exercises and evolutions together with the right to place military stores and tents thereon'.
- In answer to inquiries from a Seabrook resident, the Shepway Chief Executive kept this matter secret. Residents were refused access to the Deeds.
- 1936 By conveyance 1 July between Southern Railway Co and Mayor Alderman and Bailiffs of the Borough of Hythe 'All those pieces of land being the seawall, roadway and border known as Prince's Parade and the several approaches and beach above high water mark (containing 15 acres 1r 5p or thereabouts/ situate in the Borough of Hythe.
- This conveyance was by gift, and not exactly a charitable one. Since the early 1900's, Southern Rlwy Co (formerly South Eastern Rlwy Co) had allowed Prince's Parade seawall to fall into dangerous disrepair. There were serious breaches and the sea was liable to flood the low-lying land. Kent River Board impressed upon Hythe Corp. the danger to the Canal and the possible flooding of Romney Marsh. Thus Hythe MC had the onus of repairing the seawall and protecting the Canal.
1938. ~~xxxxix45x~~ A third parcel of land between the promenade and the south bank of the Canal (13 acres 2 roods and 24 perches or thereabouts) ... was conveyed by Southern Rlwy Co to the Mayor etc of Hythe for the sum of £ 7000: It was purchased by means of a loan from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners 'for public walks and pleasure grounds' (Exhibit)
- The Ministry of Health gave sanction to the loan. (See Exhibit showing signboards still in place in 1987)
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Scheme including leisure centre and homes has been altered

Changes to controversial seafront plan include park

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Revised plans for the redevelopment of Princes Parade will include a large open park in a bid to appease opponents over the controversial project.

Results from a survey carried out at exhibitions held by the council last November showed the majority of people who attended were against the project.

Shepway District Council has long been interested in building on the seafront site in Hythe, and cabinet members are due to ratify the designs next week before a planning application is submitted.

A masterplan presented at the exhibitions in Hythe and Seabrook last year originally had five smaller areas of parks, including one central area.

The latest designs, which are due to be discussed and approved by councillors next week, propose "a greatly enlarged area" at the western end of the site and a new "linear park" running alongside the Royal Military Canal.

Campaigners have been fighting for no development at all on the former landfill site because they want to keep the area open and undeveloped.

Results from November's survey showed 61% of the 339 people who submitted feedback were opposed to development altogether, 18% were in favour and 21% responded by saying they had no preference but supported developing a leisure centre.

As the Express reported last week, an online petition which has been rejected by Shepway council twice for failing to meet its requirements has been signed by nearly 5,500 people.

The plans include a new leisure centre to replace the old swimming pool in South Road and a new home for the Seapoint Canoe Centre, along with 150 homes.

But a "multi-use sports hall" first put forward under the original leisure centre scheme announced in May 2014 - which also included only 36 houses and a new yacht club - are no longer part of the facilities included in the new proposals.



An artist's impression of what the inside of the pool might look like

A council spokesman said: "We took note of feedback from the recent public consultation.

"As a result, we have sought to include an area of public open space that is big enough to be enjoyed for a range of activities and to be complimentary to the adjoining beach and canal.

"We are still proposing 150 homes, but they will be a bit closer together and there will be more apartments.

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"The aim is to achieve a form of development that is less suburban and more appropriate to a seaside location.

"The revised masterplan, incorporating a significant area of open space to the west, also reduces the scheme's visual impact when viewed from higher ground."

A covenant to protect the long-term future of the open space from further development is also due to be approved when councillors meet on Tuesday.

But a spokesman said the proposal "recognises that there may be some benefits in the future of having some low-key development to support its use as an open space".

What is planned for Princes Parade?

- A new leisure centre. Replacing the 40-year-old swimming pool in South Road, the new leisure centre would have a six-lane 25m swimming pool, learner pool, gym, dance studio, spin class studio and exercise studio.
- Potential for a fish restaurant or cafe with a boutique hotel located above, beside the central park.
- Canoe club - new home for the Seapoint Canoe Centre currently based at the Seabrook end of Princes Parade.
- 150 homes - the exact make-up of how many houses and apartments has not been revealed, but 30% of the new homes will be affordable housing, the council says.
- 153 car parking spaces for canoe club, leisure centre and access to the new parks.
- New "linear park" along the south bank of the Royal Military Canal, which links between the central park space along to the main park at the western end, next to the Hythe Imperial golf course.



The latest design for the proposed leisure centre



Princes Parade in Hythe

SPECIAL REPORT

Students gather for Holocaust Memorial Day



Kenneth Gainsford and Jacob Bowers from The Harvey Grammar School talking about Bosnia and Rwanda

lege helped prepare food from different cultures to celebrate and promote the idea of a diverse modern culture.

There is a theme each year set by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, and the 2017 theme is How Can Life Go On?

It is hoped the topic will encourage people to think about what happens after genocide.

Cllr Martin Salmon, town mayor of Folkestone, said: "It will hopefully encourage people to think about what happens after genocide and our own responsibilities in the wake of such a crime."



Right: William Minchington from The Harvey Grammar School performing his own piece called Holocaust Remembrance FM4657072



Jorja Hills and Alicia Szmelter from The Folkestone School for Girls talking about Cambodia and Darfur
Pictures: Gary Browne FM4657082



Tristan Broers and Natasha Ryan from Brockhill Park Performing Arts College talking about the Holocaust and Armenia



Mayor Cllr Martin Salmon at the service



Placing a stone at the memorial



The memorial service at the Methodist church

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