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Residents' feedback primes Carillion talks

The feedback provided by residents who came along to the 'Five Sites' open day at the Haven School on 24th February will be used to provide input to a 'Master Plan' for the final development of Sovereign Harbour.

On 20th March, representatives of all the interested parties concerned about the future of Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC), Carillion, and the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA), met at Eastbourne Town Hall to search for a positive way forward for the remaining undeveloped areas of land around the marina complex. The EBC representatives included the leaders of the Conservative group, Councillor Ian Lucas, and the Liberal Democrat group, Councillor David Tutt, reinforcing the cross-party support that has been so welcomed by harbour residents.

Following recent unsuccessful planning applications the developer, Sovereign Harbour Limited, part of the Carillion Group has launched a new initiative to build a consensus with residents and the Council to ensure that future plans can be agreed and implemented successfully.

Managing Director of Carillion Developments, Simon Eastwood, said: "Sovereign Harbour has been shaped by a number of different house builders over a period of over 20 years. Our priority now, as the owner of the remaining land, is to ensure that all the various

interests are taken into account and that we achieve the best possible outcome for all concerned."

Following an initial round of consultation that was warmly greeted by all the interested parties, a new team of experts working on behalf of Carillion has been given the task of producing a master plan which considers the options in detail. The plan will then be further refined in co-operation with a cross party committee of councillors, council officers and representatives of the SHRA, after the May elections have been concluded. The outcome of this process will then be subject to broad public consultation prior to implementation.

SHRA Chairman, Rick Runalls, said: "The meeting with EBC and Carillion represents a promising start to a process that will hopefully lead to the fulfilment of residents' aspirations for a sustainable community at Sovereign Harbour. We hope that the goodwill being shown by all parties at the meeting will result in a new consultative environment, one that will lead to the Harbour being a development to be proud of."

Norman Kinnish, Director of Economy Tourism & Environment, at EBC, said: "The initiative from Sovereign Harbour Limited is welcomed by the Council and we look forward to working with the team and the SHRA on the detail of the master plan."

Onwards and upwards.

2006 saw some important progress in the struggle for justice for harbour residents, culminating in the decision by Sovereign Harbour Ltd. to withdraw from the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the B&Q warehouse on the land adjacent to Pevensy Bay Road. This set the ball rolling and the momentum has carried forward into 2007.

In February, we all waited for the apparently inevitable appeal against the refusal of planning permission for residential development on four of the five remaining harbour development sites. It was with great relief, and some incredulity, that the deadline passed and no appeals were submitted.

The feeling of relief turned to cautious optimism when we heard that Carillion directors were anxious to meet SHRA representatives to discuss the final development of the harbour, and the completion of the massive construction project that has been in progress for twenty years.

As reported on the front page of this newsletter, that meeting has now taken place, and we have no reason to suppose that our optimism was misplaced. We are, however, also under no illusion that the coming months will be easy, and there will certainly be a considerable amount of work to be done.

With good will on all sides, the final stages of the harbour development could provide those elements necessary to make Sovereign Harbour a place that will bring a sense of community to residents, fulfilment of the Borough Councils ambition to create well-paid employment and a 'Jewel in Eastbourne's Crown', that Carillion can use to demonstrate their credentials as a truly socially responsible company that is committed to sustainability.

The challenges ahead for 2007-8

Harbour residents started the new year, for the first time, on the front foot. In August, the outline planning consent

granted in 1986 finally expired and, when Sovereign Harbour Ltd. decided not to appeal against the refusal of the 'Five Sites' applications, most of the remaining development land on the harbour now has no planning consent.

This is very significant because it means that any applications to develop the land no longer has the 'comfort blanket' of that outline consent and is subject to all current planning constraints.

We need to remain aware, however, that the outline planning consent for the North Harbour does not expire until August 2007 and, included in that consent is the very important parcel of land at the north end of the North Harbour, which affords the only public view of the entire length of the marina. Sovereign Harbour Ltd. has made no secret of its ambitions for the residential development of this site.

Getting involved

There will be a number of challenges in the coming year and these will stretch the resources of the SHRA committee. We understand that many of you would like to be involved with the Association's activities but might be concerned that you would not be able to dedicate sufficient time.

We have, therefore, decided to adopt a 'project based' approach to the areas we will be concentrating on, with working parties taking forward specific issues and reporting back to the committee. We are sure that there is a wealth of untapped skill and experience out there just waiting to be used. If you feel that you could contribute to any of the following projects and would like to be part of the team, please write to Waterlines at:

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Community Council

Sovereign Harbour as a development is unique and needs a unique system of local government. Because it is so different to any other ward of Eastbourne, the structure of the Borough Council struggles to accommodate our needs.

Our initial instinct is that a Sovereign Harbour Community Council would be ideally placed to tackle many of the harbour's unique issues, in cooperation with EBC, but with the local experience that would make it a win-win.

Local Action Team (LAT).

Because of a growing increase in low-level anti-social behaviour, the SHRA is exploring the benefits of setting up a Local Action Team where residents, the local police and other key stakeholders such as councillors, landlords and local businesses, work in partnership. The LAT would be chaired and run by residents, and there are a number of good examples where these are working successfully in other areas of the town.

The aim of a LAT is to identify local issues and problems, e.g. lack of youth activities or failures in corporate awareness, pinpoint the root causes, and work together to plan and deliver solutions.

Management Companies

The piecemeal way in which the harbour was developed has led to a myriad of different management companies and leaseholders. We think it is true to say that even the better ones are not well regarded, and there are some that leave a great deal to be desired. We need to share best practices and get the best deal for residents.

The Sovereign Harbour Trust

Although we all signed the covenant requiring us to contribute to the Sovereign Harbour Trust, it is probably the greatest single cause of dissatisfaction around the harbour.

We are constantly reminded of the old saying 'buyer beware', but surely we were not all stupid. The SHRA wants to see much more openness, better representation and a more constructive relationship between residents and the Trust.

Sovereign Harbour Investment Club

The March meeting of the Sovereign Harbour Investment Club took place at Simply Italian Restaurant on Tuesday the

27th of March. The club now has twelve of the maximum of twenty members allowed by the Constitution.

The club activities will be documented through the clubs dedicated members website. www.shiclub.co.uk

The next SHICLUB meeting will be held at Pablo's Restaurant on Tuesday 24th April 2007 at 7:00pm, with Sam Sweiry returning to the chair.

For more information, or to join the club, e-mail shinvestclub@aol.com or visit their website:

www.shiclub.co.uk

Campaigner leaves harbour.

Zephyr Grayland, who many of you will remember as the leading light in the 'No to B&Q' campaign has moved off the harbour. Her passion and energy have been an inspiration to many of us and she will be greatly missed.

However, she's only going as far as Wannock, so we're sure to see her around in the future.

We wish her, and her husband Ian, the best of luck for the future, and every happiness in their new home.

Around the coast to Tower Bridge

On Friday 22nd June, the MV Balmoral will sail from Eastbourne, around the South East coast and up the river Thames, through the barrier and Tower Bridge, to London. Passengers will be returned to Eastbourne by coach.

Shuttle buses will run from the harbour to the ship, the last bus leaving at 8:45am. The ship sails at 9:30am and passengers will get back to the harbour at 9:45pm.

Tickets from the bookings hotline, 0845 130 4647, £39.95 (£37.95 for Senior Citizens). 10% reduction for groups of ten or more.

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Eastbourne Centre Pensions Debate

On Friday 18th May, there will be a public meeting at the Eastbourne Centre on Grand Parade (TGWU building), to debate the subject of pensions.

The meeting, which starts at 7:30pm, will be chaired by Dot Gibson, Vice President of the National Pensions Convention. The speakers will include Nigel Waterson, MP (Shadow Pensions Minister), Michael Foster MP, Vince Cable MP (Chief spokesman on Financial Affairs for the Liberal Democrats) and Joe Harris, General Secretary of the National Pensions Convention.

Much of the seating has already been allocated, but a limited number, on a first-come first-served basis, are available by calling Linus Gunning on 01323-470757.

Sovereign Harbour Racing Club

In 2007, the Sovereign Harbour Racing Club will be established as a constituted club with a board of directors who will put themselves up for election annually.

Membership will be offered on a social basis, or on a racehorse ownership (syndicate) basis.

Calendar of events for 2007.

The 2007 SHRC season will start on Sunday 8th July with a 'Funday' at the ever popular Brighton racecourse.

For just £25.00 you will get return transport to the course, entry into the members enclosure and use of a private box with bar facilities and Tote betting.

The second Family Raceday will be to Glorious Goodwood in August, during the 'Celebration Mile' weekend. Look out for full details on this page and in Waterlines.

For more details of the SHRC, or to reserve your place at Brighton, contact Linus Gunning on 01323 470757.

Harbour Friends (by Bev Adams)

Another successful month with some thirty new members, meeting once a week on a Sunday from 7.15 at the bar in the Yacht Club.

We do try and organise other events at least once a month. For example, bowling, Quiz Night, Not Quite Bingo, Pottery Painting, walks, Treasure Hunt (later in the year) but the main idea of Harbour Friends is for Harbour Residents (sorry but residents only) to meet on a Sunday and organise events between themselves.

Due to our success we are fast reaching membership capacity so if you would like to join us be quick before the membership is closed.

Please check out our website:
www.harbourfriends.co.uk,

E-mail me, Bev at :
bev@harbourfriends.co.uk,
or call me on 479797.

Alternatively, just turn up on the last Sunday of the month.

Hope to see you one Sunday.

Troubled by trolleys?

We've heard complaints from residents about Asda trolleys left around the harbour, particularly along Atlantic Drive, the cycle path by the boat yard and even around the Waterfront pedestrian area.

We appreciate that it's residents, not Asda, who take the shopping trolleys out of the area, and we understand the supermarket has had problems with the ring system which is designed to stop trolleys escaping. Nevertheless, Asda is responsible for collecting its trolleys and making sure they are not left all over the place.

The Council's Enforcement Team will collect trolleys abandoned on public roads and fine Asda for every trolley they return. If you see any abandoned trolleys, please call the Enforcement Team on 01323 415924.

If you would prefer to take this up direct with Asda, their number is 470014.

Marina Mums

Next meetings for Marina mums are:

From 10.30am - 12.00 on Thursday 19th April at Simply Italian on the Waterfront.

Come and join us for a coffee & chat.

Strollers & Toners classes (£2.50)

Mondays: 2.30pm, Thursdays: 9.15am.
Meet outside Fitness First.

For more information on Marina Mums or Strollers and Toners, please call Mari-Anne on 01323 479280.

Art Group exhibition and sale

The East Dean and Friston Art Group will be holding their annual exhibition and sale of members' work at the East Dean Village Hall over the May Bank Holiday weekend.

Opening times:

Saturday	5th May	14:00 to 18:00
Sunday	6th May	10:00 to 18:00
Monday	7th May	10:00 to 16:00

Free admission and parking.

Refreshments and Grand Raffle

Support Your Local Team!

Our local Sussex League team, Eastbourne United, managed by harbour resident Brian Dennis, is always keen to welcome new supporters. There are several harbour residents on the playing and coaching staff of the club which is always on the look-out for new players and support staff, at every level.

Planned fixtures include:

Sat	7 Apr (H)	Worthing	3:00pm
Mon	9 Apr (H)	E'bourne Town	11:45am
Sat	14 Apr (A)	Whitehawk	3:00pm
Sat	21 Apr (H)	L'hampton	3:00pm
Sat	28 Apr (A)	Redhill	3:00pm
Sat	5 May (H)	Selsey	3:00pm

All home games are played at 'The Oval' in Channel View Road. See the SHRA website for more information.

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Calling all anglers.

Located on the Royal Parade promenade, Eastbourne Angling Association was formed over 100 years ago as a Sea Angling Club, It incorporates a good social club for people not into fishing, with drinks from the bar at low prices.

Entertainment is provided throughout the week with bingo, snooker and darts.

On Tuesday evenings there are jive lessons for all levels.

On Saturday nights there are dances, with various bands and discos.

On Saturday and Sunday there are raffles, with cash prizes plus drinks and on Saturday only, fresh meat.

The Club's glass enclosed balcony has coastal view from Beachy Head to Langney Point, and there is a decked area with tables and umbrellas for those sunny Summer days!!

Meals and snacks from the club's kitchen are served from Tuesday to Sunday.

Beach space is available for members own boats, and the club boatman is on hand to assist in launching and recovery. Three open boats with engines are available to full members for a small fee.

The club has a workshop and engine storage and lockers are available for fishing tackle.

Membership is available on Full, Social and Holiday basis.

Give them a ring on 01323 723422 for more details, or just call in and somebody will be pleased to show you around.

Natural Fitness Centre Spring Offer

Since the Natural Fitness Centre opened five years ago, it has welcomed an increasing number of clients from Sovereign Harbour. Director, Alison Mitchell, said, "We share the Beautiful Eastbourne Seafront, and are here because of our love of the sea and a healthier lifestyle. The Natural Fitness Centre offers something for everyone. Classes in Pilates, Yoga, Body conditioning, Balletcise, Chi Kung, Meditation and Gentle Mobility for Seniors. Therapies cover a wide spectrum from wonderfully relaxing Hot Stone, organic face and body treatments to injury rehabilitation and management to healing treatments for the mind and body including, Massage, Spiritual Healing, EFT, Life Coaching and Counselling.

If you haven't visited the Centre yet please spare a few moments to come and admire the wonderful sea views from the studio and relaxation room or take advantage of the experienced and friendly staff that will do their best to answer any health concerns you may have.

The Natural Fitness Centre is situated on the promenade along Royal Parade (walk down the side of the army tank towards the sea) and welcomes all fitness levels and ages to a non competitive relaxed environment.

Please call 01323 732024 for more information or visit www.naturalfitnesscentre.co.uk and we

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can help you continue the seafront lifestyle you all enjoy. Relax, Rejuvenate, Revitalise and Re-invent yourself."

Take this issue of Waterlines into the Natural Fitness Centre before 30th June and you will get 15% off your first treatment or 50% off your first class

SHRA Annual General Meeting

The SHRA Annual General Meeting will be held, for the first time, on a Saturday this year. Remember, you must be a current member to attend the meeting.

Although you will be able to renew your membership at the door, past experience has shown that this is a slow process. So please renew before the meeting if possible and, if you are not able to do so, please be sure to have your application form completed and your cheque written before you arrive. Also, please try to remember your membership number. Thanks for your cooperation.

The meeting will be held in the Haven School in Atlantic Drive, starting at 12:00; the doors will open at 11:30.

Surface Water Drainage

Following the campaign by the SHRA and the Eastbourne Herald to persuade Southern Water to make blanket changes to their policy for the collection of surface water drainage charges, we're pleased to inform you that the situation is now close to resolution.

Southern Water have told us that the problem was much larger than anticipated (surprise, surprise) but a

team is now in place to tackle it.

You should all, hopefully, be receiving refunds in the near future. Why not spend a bit on SHRA membership?

Membership Renewal

By the time you read this, the 2006/2007 membership will have ended. If you have not yet renewed, and intend to do so, please complete the form overleaf and send it to the address shown.

If, for any reason, you don't intend to continue your SHRA membership, please let us know and, more importantly, please let us know why, and how we have failed to meet your expectations.

With your help, 2006/2007 was a great year for harbour residents and has provided us with a platform from which to launch our campaign to create a sustainable community from the vast housing development that has evolved over the past twenty years.

Handling membership renewals is a time consuming process, so thanks to all of you who have already helped us to stagger the workload, and thanks too for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

If you have not yet joined, perhaps now it the time for you to act. The growth in the influence of the SHRA has increased in proportion to the growth in our membership. Please help us to further increase the strength of our voice by completing and returning the form overleaf.

Sovereign Harbour Residents Association Membership Application/Renewal 2007/2008

Title:

First name:

Last name:

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This form, with a cheque for £10.00, payable to 'SHRA', should be sent to:

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