

ALBION WATERSIDE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2020 / PRESENTATION OF THE VISION



"It's a great area to regenerate with the canal basin central to the redevelopment."

Artist's impression of the emerging Vision - Albion Waterside Approach

NEW VISION FOR ALBION WATERSIDE

During a presentation to the community on 2 September 2020, Joseph Homes unveiled a Vision for the regeneration of Albion Waterside which reflects the heritage of the site. The Vision includes:

- Provision for a range of up to 1,300 homes
- Business opportunities with up to 4,500m² employment space
- Attractive, welcoming public space
- Extensive access to the waterside, including a Riverside Promenade

Albion Waterside will deliver a greener environment with energy efficient buildings and with a new mobility hub, promoting green and sustainable modes of transport to and from the site. The Vision also includes improvements to the Saxon Shoreway and commemoration of WW2 Hurricane pilot, Flight Sergeant Eric Williams.

The Vision masterplan and other images from the presentation are included in this newsletter. You can also view and comment on the full extended Vision presentation online at AlbionWaterside.co.uk.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Joseph Homes is pleased to be bringing forward the proposal for this residential-led, mixed-use development in accordance with the aims of the Gravesham Borough Council Core Strategy Policy CS04, that identifies Albion Waterside site as a regeneration area, and in consultation with the local community. Over the summer the local community was asked about their likes and dislikes of the area and their dreams for the future regeneration of the Albion Waterside site. More than 40 people responded to the consultation by returning Freepost postcards and via the "Communities" platform on the AlbionWaterside.co.uk website.

Many respondents acknowledged the need for new homes and agreed that Albion Waterside will be an ideal regeneration opportunity, with the canal basin a focus for the redevelopment. Ideas included maximising the potential of existing landscape and water assets, including greening along the Thames and Medway Canal alignment,

and enhancing pedestrian and cycle links to Fort Gardens and the River Thames. Key matters raised by respondents included the height and massing of new buildings in relation to the Marina, sensitivity to existing river views and traffic on surrounding roads. These views and ideas were shared with the design team as they prepared the Vision for the site.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

We would now like to receive your comments on the emerging Vision for Albion Waterside. You can do this by visiting AlbionWaterside.co.uk to view the presentation and then either emailing your comments to community@jtp.co.uk or writing to us at "Freepost JTP" – no stamp required. We welcome comments by **Wednesday 11 November 2020**.

Our team will continue to develop the Vision in the light of comments received and will present the emerging proposals to the community via Zoom at **6pm on Wednesday 18 November**. If you would like to be invited to the Zoom presentation on 18 November please email us at community@jtp.co.uk.

NEXT STEPS

Following the November presentation, our design team will continue to develop the proposals through ongoing stakeholder and community dialogue. Our aim is to submit a planning application to Gravesham Borough Council in January 2021. Around this time we will prepare an exhibition to explain clearly the submitted proposals to be viewed online and if possible, subject to Government Covid 19 social distancing guidelines, a physical event held locally.

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Illustrative Masterplan

KEY

- A** Marina Park - a vibrant and animated space overlooking the Marina (indicative, outside site boundary)
- B** Water Channel - A new linear park tracing the historic route of the Thames and Medway Canal containing three separate, non-navigable linear bodies of water
- C** Thameside Walkway - a clear, clean and open walkway along the Thames
- D** Albion Causeway - pedestrianised street maintaining the east-west connection through the centre of the site
- E** Podium Gardens - ornamental planting reflecting tidal reach
- F** Arrival Plaza - vehicular and pedestrian access
- G** New bridges over the water
- Development site boundary
- 9** Building heights - numbers eg 9 indicate building storeys taken from site ground level



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE

Stage 1 Engagement		Stage 2 Engagement (Current Stage)		Stage 3 Engagement			
July 2020	Wed 26 Aug 2020	6pm Wed 2 Sep 2020	Wed 11 Nov 2020	6pm Wed 18 Nov 2020	Jan 2021	Jan-May 2021	tbc
Launch website	Comments welcomed by	Zoom presentation of vision	Comments on vision welcomed by	Presentation of emerging proposals	Planning submission & exhibition of submitted proposals	Determination period	On site construction