

# **FISHERMAN'S BEACH SAVE THE OLD LIFEBOAT STATIONS SAY NO TO 4 STOREY DEVELOPMENT**



**Shepway Council has put in an application to demolish the 2 old lifeboat stations at the end of West Parade and then redevelop the whole of Fisherman's beach with 69 homes. The beach above high tide mark will become private gardens.**

**The planning application no. Y10/0436/SH was submitted on 14 May 2010 and any objections should be received by the Council before Friday 4 June 2010 (we understand they may allow a few extra days on this now).**

**Everyone we've spoken to appears to be unaware that the planning application has been made and can be viewed online at the Shepway Planning website and also at the Hythe Town Council offices on Stade Street. There were references to it in the local paper, but this method of alerting people is becoming outdated as many residents don't buy local papers or have a free paper delivery in their road.**

**It would be such a shame to lose the lifeboat stations as they give the area character and are a local landmark. Hythe has lost far too many of its historic buildings over the years. They should be retained for future generations to appreciate.**

**The 4 storey (19m/60 ft high) development, will extend from West Parade all the way along to the ranges. It will be considerably higher than any of the surrounding building, which are all currently below the height of the Martello Towers. In the future, any of the 2 storey homes along West Parade will be able to argue a good case for building up to height of 60 ft.**

**If you have any concerns regarding the proposals, please write quoting the application number, to Ben Geering, Major Projects Officer, Shepway District Council Planning Control, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY. The fastest way to comment is to go to the Weekly lists of planning applications in the Planning section of Shepway Council's website. Put the application number in "search for an application". When you get into the application's page, click on "comment on application", which is just above "description".**

**If you have the time, penning a letter to your local councillor before the next Town Council meeting on 22/06/10 would be extremely helpful. At the moment, they are oblivious to the local sentiment about the lifeboat stations.**