

## **FISHERMAN'S BEACH/LIFEBOAT STATIONS**



Storm 2008 with boats drawn up onto where the boardwalk and private beach gardens will be located.

**Dear**

**This is being sent directly to you because you attended the 10<sup>th</sup> June Hythe Town Council meeting and/or you've placed your objections with Shepway Planning Department. As concerned Hythe residents, you are the "do-ers" in the town who have decided to tackle this issue now rather than just moan about things after they've happened!**

### **What Happens Next?**

Hythe Town Council has to meet again at 6.45pm, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July in the Town Hall. We don't know how it is going to vote or who is voting! It's a public meeting, so please join the throng again or if you missed the first one, do come and see how our town's representatives make major decisions for us. If you haven't contacted any local Hythe Councillors yet, this extra time means you can ring/email/write to any of them and give them your views – they really are valuable and will make a huge difference to the outcome.

### **Beach Party -Lunchtime Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 12 till 3pm – PLEASE COME ALONG!**

We want to get everyone together to share each others' thoughts. We will be gathering on Fisherman's beach, the Folkestone side of the boats, at the end of St Leonard's Road. If you can walk down, rather than drive, it would save parking problems. Please bring your lunch picnic along with the family, friends and anyone else you think is concerned about preserving Hythe's character and charm. It will be a great opportunity to talk and air views. In the event that England wins Group C, the match starts at 7.30pm.

### **HOW CAN WE AFFECT SHEPWAY'S FINAL VOTE?**

As with all the other decisions on major developments in Hythe, Fisherman's Beach's ultimate fate is in the hands of Shepway District Council's "Development Control Committee". This comprises 14 Shepway Councillors, 13 of whom do not live in Hythe. We do not have a date yet for when they will meet and vote on the planning application.

We need to rack our brains and think quickly about whom we know on this committee and who our friends, relatives and colleagues know i.e. social networking. Then, when you contact the Councillor, you

can say “I was talking to “X” about it the other day”, or even better, ask your contact to write to them too. It is still a small world and the Councillors know they are answerable to the community. Their decisions will get back to them, even if it’s the person selling them their newspaper or cutting their hair.

### **Councillors sitting on Shepway Development Control Committee – all details are still correct**

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### **Points to raise with these Councillors**

There have already been some excellent comments sent to the Council. This is a short list of the main points made by the objectors. Make the comments that are valuable to you, but please word them in your own style, asking the Councillor to object. We can do so much better for Fisherman’s Beach, despite the Council’s efforts to make sure no-one would get to know what was happening.

- We want more appropriate redevelopment, preserving Hythe’s Heritage Assets ie the lifeboat buildings and the fishermen, in accordance with PPS5, we don’t want to erase past glory and tradition.
- The fishing boats need to stay where they are, kept out of storm tides and also be able to launch without entering the firing range danger area. The proposed new location is unsuitable for those reasons as huts will be constructed on the precipitous shoreline where storm waves lap.
- Road traffic problems. Range Road is already a dangerous junction with industrial estate traffic.
- Overbearing development for neighbouring properties, due to height and density, loss of privacy.
- Unsuitability of western end of site for housing/restaurant due to firing range and sewage works.
- Nature conservation issues with the large area of vegetative shingle, seaside species.
- Loss of public recreation area/public access, public area now fenced off by council/developer.
- Flood risk analysis report inaccuracies, increased burden on council to maintain shingle levels.
- Selling public assets for short term gain. No benefit to Hythe. Could have more job creation activities.
- Sea front open and unspoilt with views of Martello Towers. 4 storey wall of buildings, to be raised above current ground level, closes off views to and from site including the 200 year old historical impact of the Martello Towers.
- Hythe is gradually being brought down by Shepway District Council and all the charm is being whittled away. The development is detrimental to the very nature of this ancient seaport. Give history and the character of Hythe a chance to survive and shine through.

**See you at the beach on Saturday!**