

## **Derek Davis, Ganges ward (Shotley & Erwarton)**

### **Planning appeals and applications**

An in person planning appeal made by developers against Babergh's planning committee decision to reuse housing at the farm yard next to the Grade II listed Erwarton Hall, will be held at Chelmondiston Village Hall 10:00 am on 18 January 2024

### **Marina**

In a rare move, the owners at Shotley marina have applied to reduce the number of homes they have permission for from 150 down to 131.

They are also looking to relocate 10 of these further away from the historic Martello Tower and closer to existing dwellings.

### **Ganges**

As I write this no date has been confirmed to hear the Section 73, variation of conditions for the former HMS Ganges site, by Babergh planning committee, which I will be attending and speaking. It is likely the committee will be making a site visit before the application is held in the new year.

### **Remembrance Service**

I was once again proud to attend the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church, Shotley in my roles as the Ganges ward member and Babergh's Armed Forces Champion.

I had been invited elsewhere, but I have been going to this service for more than 20 years and saw no reason not to go again this year, especially picking up Andrew Coulson's words of wisdom and to see so many, serving and ex forces personnel and their families along with villagers showing their respect.

As part of the Armed Forces Covenant local authorities like Babergh, are committed to ensuring no disadvantage takes place and we do what we can for the parties involved.

In short. the Covenant is a promise from the nation that those who serve or have served in the armed forces, and their families, are treated fairly.

It is an important pledge and all involved should make it a tangible benefit and not just to pay lip service to it.

[Babergh Armed Forces page.](#)

## **Explore Suffolk**

Ipswich Central 's attempt to implement a Business Improvement District (BID), in an area that would have included the Shotley peninsula has failed.

Hopefully that will be the last we hear of this piece of attempted empire building.

*Please feel free to get in touch on all these and any other matter. I shall be at Shotley village hall on Friday, between 2pm and 3pm. Officers from Babergh district council's customer services' team will also be there as part of the pop up library, which has moved from its Monday slot.*

I'm always happy to give informed updates, so if you want to know what is really going on ignore the nonsense on certain Facebook Groups and ask me direct.

Alternatively, my Derek Davis – Independent Councillor FB page gives regular updates.

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