

## A27 Site Development

*Richard Jannaway*

A planning application to develop the A27 site has now been submitted. This development cuts across the middle of Emsworth completely filling all the green space between the railway and the A27 trunk road. The present outline application covers the access road and the development of about two thirds of the site.

### BUILDINGS

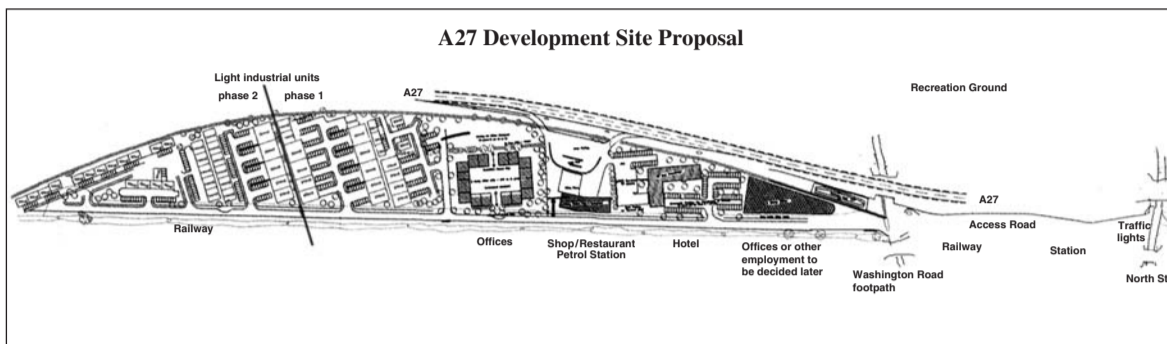
When fully developed, the various owners of the site intend it to contain:

1. 54 light industrial units (21 units currently applied for) of between 96 and 324 square metres each.
2. A two-storey office building containing 16 units with a total floor area of nearly 4,000 sq metres.
3. An undefined office or other employment building of two or three storeys at the eastern end. (Not in the current application)
4. An 80-bedroom hotel
5. A petrol station accessed from the A27 only
6. A convenience store
7. A 'restaurant', presumably fast food, attached to the convenience store.

### ACCESS

It is proposed that there will be two ways for vehicles to access different parts of the site.

1. Slip roads off the westbound carriageway of the A27 will give access to the petrol station and car parks designated for the hotel, restaurant and convenience store.
2. All other vehicle access is via a new road running from a point on New Brighton Road between the A27 and the Railway across the footpath at the end of Washington Road and all the way along the southern boundary of the site.



There will be a locked gate between the two areas for use of emergency vehicles. Pedestrian access will be by a combined foot/cycle path from New Brighton Road, Washington Road and the recreation ground.

### OUTLINE APPLICATION

As this is an Outline Application, the shape and positioning of the buildings is provisional. The access road is, however, a firm application although the final design still has to be approved by Hampshire County Council Highways Department.

### DRAINAGE

This is a very wet site with heavy clay soil and one major concern is drainage and risk of flooding in the surrounding properties.

### THE PROCESS AND THE RESPONSE

By the time you read this article, there will have been a Public Meeting, hosted by the ERA, and the detailed response of local residents and others will be clear. The Havant Borough Council Development Control Committee will examine the application in detail and in public. The date for this meeting has yet to be finalised but is most likely to be 26th October. For confirmation and details of this and other information, see the ERA website or notice board outside the Co-Op. Alternatively, contact Chris Curry.

*See Chairman's Report on page 3 for the ERA's response to date.*

## Emsworth Skatepark opening

*Jayne Emery*

The skatepark was officially opened on Saturday 15th July by the Mayor of Havant. Cllr. Richard Brown. The weather was glorious and over 300 people attended and thoroughly enjoyed the day. The boarding events were organised by a company called Tribe who specialise in skateboarding, providing music and competitions with prizes. Several local young people, including Jim Smith who was the youth representative on the Community Board, won prizes for their skilful displays.

It was great to see so many young people in one place thoroughly enjoying themselves, demonstrating their skills and encouraging the beginners. There are obviously rules that they all respect because to watch so many boarders, skaters and BMXers all together on such a small space, whizzing around without collision was breathtaking. Novice users, and parents supervising young children need to watch and learn these rules before venturing onto the park.

Congratulations to everyone who took part on the day. I would just like to say thank you to the local young people who got involved in the early stages and provided input at the design stage, to the Emsworth Community Board for all their hard work and commitment to make the skatepark happen and also to Havant Borough Council for obtaining the funding.

### Skatepark art

Graffiti art is a fundamental part of skatepark culture and a number of extremely skilful examples appeared within days of the ramps being completed. Unfortunately, there were also a lot of crude and offensive scrawls.



*Skilled BMX rider competing at the skatepark opening.*

Skatepark art workshops were organised during the school summer holidays by Elaine Clark of Havant Borough Council. Art and Soul Trading, a public art company from Portsmouth, taught young people from the local area to design and paint murals. The end results were put onto the skatepark and have created a unique and very colourful display whilst retaining the best of the original artwork.



*Younger children: boarders, skaters and BMXers sharing the skatepark with 'graffiti art' setting the scene.*

## Food Festival 2006 - a great finish to a great summer

*Richard Jannaway*

The 2006 Emsworth Food Festival took place in glorious sunshine. I was supposed to be hard at work putting 'The EMS' together and just nipped down for the launch of the Terror but I ended up going to the Festival on each of the three days. The party atmosphere was too strong to resist!

All the usual excellent food stalls were there and I bought garlic, cheese and other assorted delicacies as I do each year. It was good to see the steady spread of local and organic produce as well as the Co-Op display of fair trade products. It is important that produce that has to be imported, such as tea and chocolate, is sourced with the same ethical standards as home produced foodstuffs.

The 'Children's Kitchen Academy' in the Community Centre encouraged real cooking by young children. And maybe inspired the child who will one day go on to win the Festival's 'Young Chef of the Year' competition.

Despite the event being a 'food festival', what I really enjoyed this year was the music. No less than fifteen different bands, exuberant street dancers and the best firework display I have seen for a long time gave the whole event a carnival atmosphere.

Emsworth is becoming the place in South East Hampshire for summer events, starting with May Day, and ending with the double whammy of the Emsworth Show and the Emsworth Food Festival. The vision of the Terror, restored and under full sail made a fitting finale to one of the best summers we have had for years.

*Dancing in the street on Sunday.*



*The Terror under sail after her launch and blessing at the Emsworth Food Festival.*



*Visitors from Clanfield enjoy a plate of sushi from 'Oi! Sushi' on the quay.*



## Emsworth Show 2006

*Emsworth Horticultural Society*

Once again a prime event in the Emsworth summer calendar, the Emsworth Show, organised by Emsworth Horticultural Society, was a great success thanks to the devoted support of the people of the Emsworth area. This includes all the keen gardeners in the area, the sponsors, stallholders, arena events, entertainers, amusements, Havant Borough Council, and all the volunteers who carry out all the various tasks to enable the show to go ahead and make such an enjoyable day for the large number of visitors.

Entertainment in the main arena included the TS Unity Band, John Whiteley Sheepdog Display, Kick Boxing, the Bourne Footballers, Jerry Wakeford Fly Fishing and Kit Car sponsored by the Rotary Club of Havant. In the small arena there was a very successful Dog Show and displays by the various traditional dance groups. The Dog Show, judged by Neil Kittredge, had a record 140 entries and the Champion was Phoebe Thomas with *Granite* and the Champion Reserve, Ciara Copping with *Storm*.

All this plus a wide variety of stalls and children's attractions, including train rides, roundabouts, Fun House, Julie Blandford's Magic Show, a Medieval Knight on Stilts, and many drink and food outlets.

The Dragon Ladies Club of Southbourne provided a tea tent and raised money for their charity, Sussex Otters Swimming Club (for the disabled). Our own profits will be dispersed to local good causes and we would welcome suggestions for those who need help with their work.

The EHS Raffle main prize was garden furniture and there were also twenty multiple boxed prizes from local businesses, sponsors and friends of the EHS. Our Plant and Bulb stalls did a brisk trade and many people have taken home interesting new additions to their gardens.

The large exhibition marquee was filled with 887 entries, fifty more than in 2005 from 193 entrants. The vegetable section was particularly impressive with more entries for the large collections. The year has been particularly good for fruit resulting in the excellent fruit exhibits - baskets of fruit, plums, pears, apples, and berried fruit.

The handicraft section reflected a variety of traditional skills including quilting, paintings and carvings. The Domestic judge was very complimentary about the entries of jams and chutneys and the novice sponge cakes. The Photography section made a stunning display with a record entry of 150 photographs.



*Courtney and Kieran Robinson with Medieval Knight on Stilts. Photo by Frances Sweeney*

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