

You may be aware that MDL has announced it intends to consult with residents, local people and other stakeholders regarding the future of Mercury Marina.

The project title is Mercury Forward.

MDL's marketing literature suggests that it is looking to improve and enhance the Mercury site and is considering a high quality and sustainable mixed-use project. This includes:

- Redevelopment of an underused brownfield site
- Enabling homes including affordable housing
- Improved access to Mercury, the Bund and Badnam Creek
- A regenerated leisure hub for the Hamble community
- New employment space

MDL will hold an exhibition in November. We will inform you when we have the dates. A website is also going to be launched and a link will be shared on this page.

MDL will use the consultation feedback to inform its outline application to Eastleigh Borough Council in 2018.

It is worth noting that the site is allocated in the emerging Local Plan and has been identified for development for some time. Discussions suggest that MDL will be putting forward alternative proposals to those outlined in the Local Plan (link is attached for reference) as detailed above.

Hamble Le Rice Parish Council is considering how to respond to the Local Plan. The recent WeRHamble community consultation exercise will help to develop our response.

It will also be monitoring the Mercury Forward project and as with previous schemes considering how to respond to any potential planning application to ensure the best interest of the Parish.

Contact email for the Mercury Forward: info@mdlmercuryforward.co.uk

<https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/.../emerging-local-plan-noted.as...>