



Presentation to FLIP partners on the development of a sustainable investment strategy for Whitstable Harbour

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Developing a sustainable investment strategy for Whitstable Harbour



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Harbour Strategic Plan

Objectives of the Whitstable Harbour Board

- To meet the ambitions of the local community
- To maintain and develop the Harbour's environs
- To support the local community
- To be financially self-sufficient
- To comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements
- To adhere to the best practice of open and transparent governance



Harbour Strategic Plan

All future development must be based around either:

- Harbour-dependent activity
- Harbour-beneficial activity



Development Opportunities

South Quay Shed

Potential development proposals being drawn up looking at options to refurbish or redevelop reflecting two scenarios; one with grant funding and the other without. Ideas for future use of the shed include, retail, restaurant, indoor market and business start-up units.

West Quay

An early stage idea has come forward to develop a creative businesses quarter on the end of the West Quay using shipping containers. A local artist is working with officers to develop his business idea and test the feasibility.

Engine Shed site

Proposal to relocate the City Council's museum to the Harbour has been considered through feasibility study into viability of museums service in the harbour.



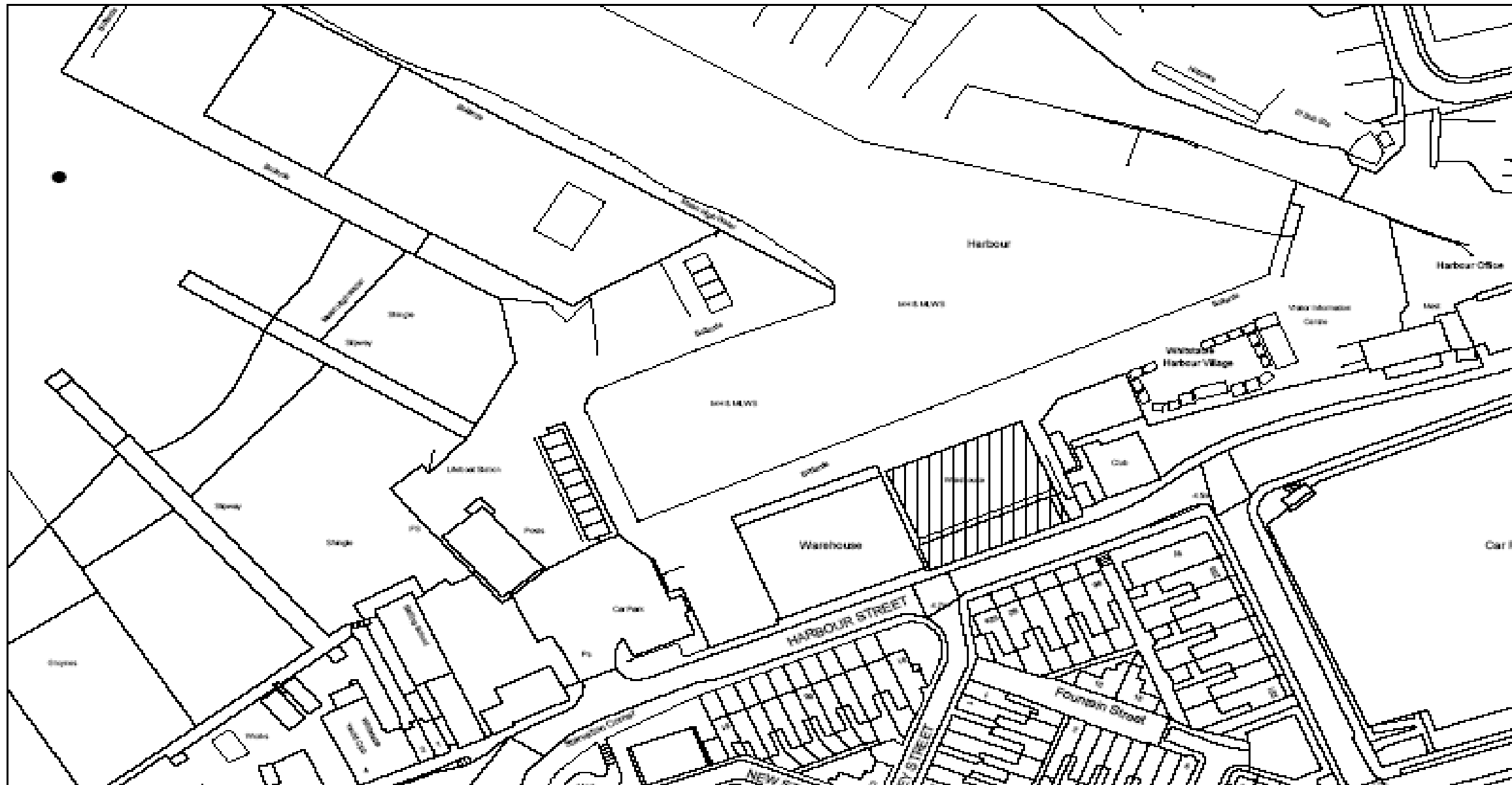
Museum feasibility study

- A high level strategic study programme conducted by Keith Williams Architects, Scott Baker Consultancy, and Davis Langdon.
- To examine the feasibility of replacing the existing Museum & Art Gallery, presently located in Oxford Street, with a new purpose built building on a key high profile site within the confines of Whitstable Harbour.
- The Museum and Gallery project was considered within the context of the strategic objectives and priorities of Whitstable Harbour Board for the long term development of the harbour.
- The study also took into account the wider cultural context of Canterbury City Council's Museums and Galleries Strategy as well as the potential for broader links with key destinations across north Kent, for example, particularly Chatham Historic Dockyard, Canterbury itself, and the Turner Contemporary in Margate.



Market testing for South Quay shed





SOUTH QUAY SHED
WHITSTABLE HARBOUR

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