



## SHOTLEY PENINSULA CYCLING CAMPAIGN

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Here is another round-up of news as we approach the end of the year.

### **Former HMS Ganges Site, Shotley**

As you will probably have heard, the latest planning application for this site (for 285 homes and other uses) finally went before Babergh DC's Planning Committee on 27 November. Despite what most local people felt was an unconvincing case for approval and a much reduced package of mitigation measures, the Committee decided to grant planning permission for this proposal, subject to a legal agreement (known as a Section 106 Agreement) first being signed with the applicant. Babergh seemed pretty determined to approve this latest planning application as soon as it was submitted and the SPCC position had always been to ensure that if this did happen, then at least cycling would not be forgotten. In this respect we can be moderately satisfied with the outcome in that *the applicant has agreed to contribute nearly £200k towards the creation of the Shotley section of our Community Path, from the foot ferry at Shotley Gate to the Corner Garage in Shotley Street*. Furthermore there is a reasonable chance that some additional S.106 monies might also be transferred to this scheme. We will be liaising with Babergh about this to try to maximise the funding to be allocated to the Community Path in Shotley. We are, therefore, reasonably hopeful that the Shotley section of the path should be constructed over the course of the next few years (exact timing still unknown). Bearing in mind that this would represent about a quarter of the total length of the Community Path, this would be a major achievement in its own right.

### **Ipswich to Freston Section of the Community Path**

We are still working towards submitting a planning application for this section, hopefully early in the New Year. However, we do need help with preparing the technical plans and drawings which will have to accompany the planning application – so if you do know someone who has these skills and might be prepared to help us out, do let one of the Committee know.

### **Other Progress**

We have opened discussions with two landowners in Woolverstone and Chelmondiston to see if we can start to make some smaller improvements, along the proposed route of the Community Path, in these parishes. It is still very early days here, but our initial discussions have been encouraging. We will obviously keep you posted on any positive developments, as they happen.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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