

## Introduction Board

BAE Systems owns the whole site, which is occupied by the BAE Systems Sports and Social Club at Hoo. Many of the facilities on site are outdated and in need of complete refurbishment and replacement to provide leisure and community facilities that the public demands. As a result the Sports and Social Club have been unsuccessful in attracting new members and has been in financial difficulties for a number of years. At the present time the public do not have any legal rights to enter or use any part of the area. It is intended that the as part of the housing proposals, BAE Systems would commit to significantly upgrade and expand the existing facilities for the enjoyment of the local community and provide them with a sustainable future.

In late 2006, BAE Systems consulted with members of the BAE Systems Sports and Social Club at Hoo to gather their ideas for the proposed development of land to the east of Bells Lane and the upgrade of facilities at the Club. Having analysed views from the consulted members we have drawn up a scheme.

## Project Vision

The objective is to sustain the provision of high quality indoor and outdoor sports and leisure facilities for the local and wider community at the Sports and Social Club. The residential development will enable funding to support the development and refurbishment of the sports facilities. With an aim to leave a positive and sustainable legacy of sporting provision within the Borough

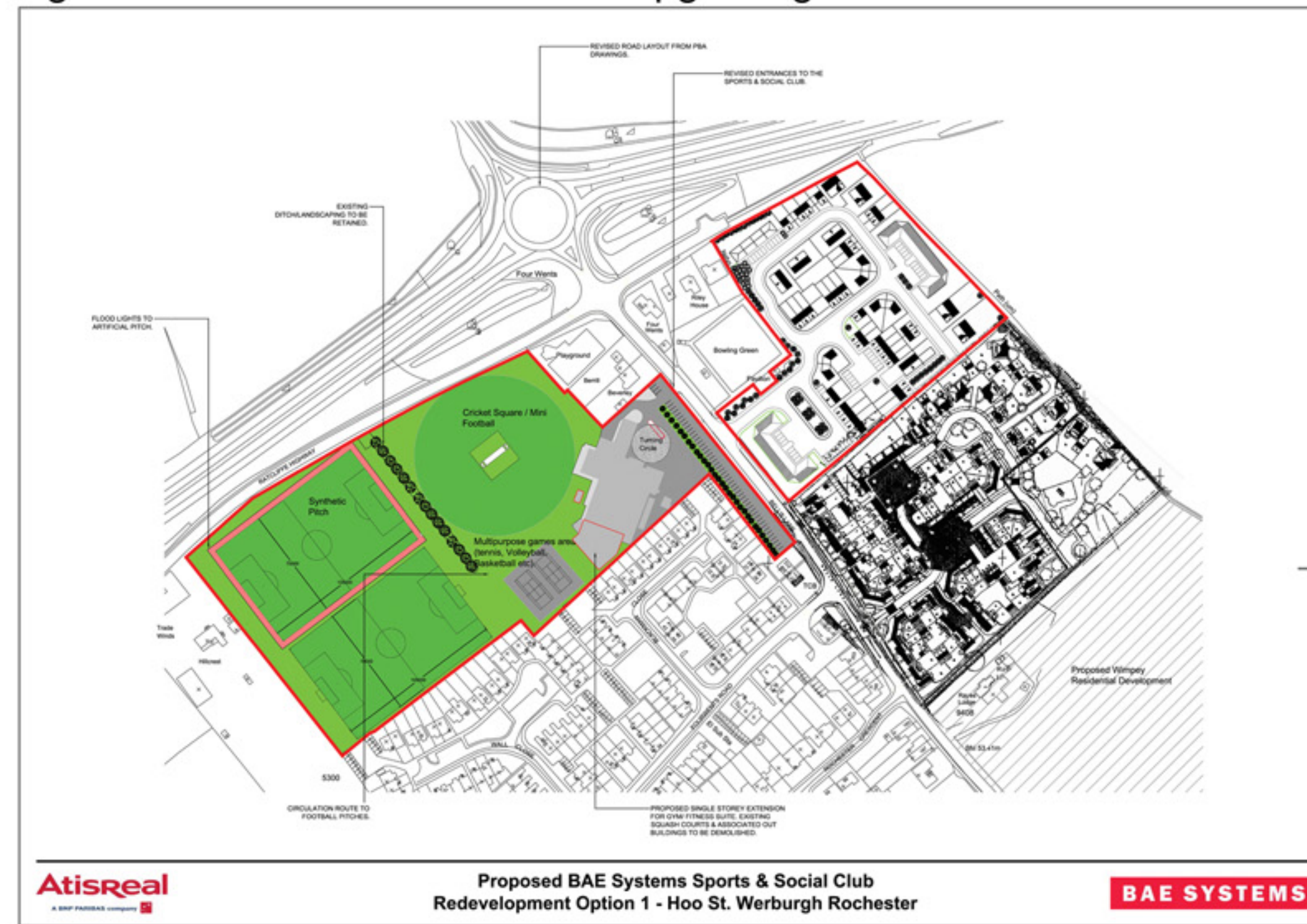
## Community Consultation

Our aim is to seek your opinions and comments on proposals to redevelop the BAE Systems Sports and Social Club at Hoo site east and west of Bells Lane.

Wherever possible this consultation process will be used to inform and refine the emerging proposals which will ultimately form the basis of an outline planning application to be submitted to Medway Council in due course. The local community will have further opportunities to review and comment on the proposals when Medway Council considers the application.

## The Site

The following photographs illustrate the extent to which the Sports and Social Club infrastructure has declined with age, old and in urgent need of refurbishment and upgrading.



Development of land to the east of Bells Lane for residential purposes will be directly linked to, and will facilitate, the comprehensive upgrade of the BAE Systems Sports and Social Club at Hoo with a range of new facilities, refurbishment and greater public access arrangements.



## What Happens Next?

This exhibition is part of a two-week public consultation process. Our aim is to assess the views and opinions of the local community and refer to these views as we refine the package of proposals.

**To ensure that your opinions are taken into account we would be grateful if you would complete the questionnaire that is available at the exhibition.**

## Outline Planning Application - Timeline

At this stage BAE Systems, as a landowner are applying for outline planning permission to establish that the principle of the development is acceptable (all matters of detail will be reserved for future determination by a detailed or reserved matters planning application). The upgrade of facilities at the BAE Systems Sports and Social Club at Hoo is dependant on money raised from the sale of a proposed residential development on land to the east of Bells Lane, Hoo St Werburgh

Following this exhibition we anticipate that the sequence and timing of activity will be broadly as follows:

Submit outline planning application	September 2007
Consultation on planning application	September- November 2007
Planning permission granted	End of 2007, early 2008

When the linked-outline planning application for land east and west of Bells Lane is submitted to Medway Council, the Planning Department will notify immediate neighbours and advertise the planning application in the local press and through notices located close to the site. If you wish to make comments on the outline application once it has been submitted, your comments should be sent direct to the Planning Department at Medway Council.

If planning permission is granted, BAE Systems will invite developers to tender to purchase the proposed residential site east of Bells Lane. The successful developer will submit a reserved matters planning application before they are able to commence development.