Sovereign Harbour
The Liberal Democrats Master Plan 2009

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Site One

To create a trust for the restoration of the Martello Tower [No. 66] and shape an environment for the community with wide open green spaces and linking a larger community building to provide a variety of different opportunities.

The trust will place bids to the organisations such as the Heritage Lottery Fund, English Heritage and others who can partner this idea.

The site will work towards the themes of community, heritage, education and environment that affect our lives today. Using the Tower and surrounding land Eastbourne could pursue opportunities and ventures that make the area not only a community centre, meeting point and tourist attraction but all of these things and more.

The history of Martello 66 as a military fortification provides an exciting opportunity to work and communicate with the community. This along side the wider history of Eastbourne offers a rich mix for developing innovative heritage and community programmes within the spirit of community engagement. A similar restoration project has already been achieved at Jaywick Martello Tower in Essex.

Carillion would like to build just houses on this site we have discussed 10 eco homes as the alternative to standard built homes. English Heritage helps trusts to compulsory purchase land if landowners are not willing to assist with projects. The site current is being marketed as a hotel site, however, Carillion have confirmed that there is little interest currently.

Site Two

This site is currently being used as the berth holder's car park. Carillion have identified this as a possibility for a small community hall. We do not feel that this would be big enough. Although we are still testing how larger a community facility harbour residents would like.

We are committed that no more houses or flats are built here and that it remains as a car park, if nothing else.

We are conscious that any build up of this area will greatly impact on Kings Park which already suffers flooding due to the development of the harbour area. It is widely known and accepted that Kings Park would object to any plans for this area.

Site Three

This site would be ideal to continue with the theme already in place within this area. With either more retail or a small boutique hotel.

Site Four

Here we have the opportunity to fashion a market place style plaza/piazza with views and seats overlooking the inner harbour. Small individual retailers would be welcome here. We envisage this being a little like Covent Garden and other similar areas in London, such as one nearby the ITV studios. This comprises of small specialist shops for collectibles, fashion etc. This keeps the area open plan and retains the view.

Site Five

This has, from the very beginning always been marked as the Medical Centre and we concur with this opportunity and that the planning for this much needed community facility commence forthwith.

Site Six and Seven

These sites are classed as Bl under the borough plan and have been identified for employment opportunities. It is hoped under the Hailsham and Eastbourne Triangle that these sites will be developed to incorporate a high class environmentally friendly Science Park with wide play facilities in the shape of sports courts. Science Parks can be researched online and government funding from various departments is available to such projects.

Site Eight

This is the one of the last remaining sites with uninterrupted views over the inner harbour. We have always made a strong commitment that this site should not be lost to housing and become some sort of open space facility or community space such as berth holders facilities or a water sports site. Any building on here must be sympathetic to retaining the view.

Site Nine

This Martello Tower [No 64] should either be gifted to the English Heritage Trust or developed and restored with the possible use as a cafe or Kiosk and look out point with a history of the Martello's factored into the tower.

Site Ten (Owned by Premier Marina)

To form a Fishermans' /Village Wharf Tourist attraction, with the possibility of a cafe, green open spaces and seated look out points.

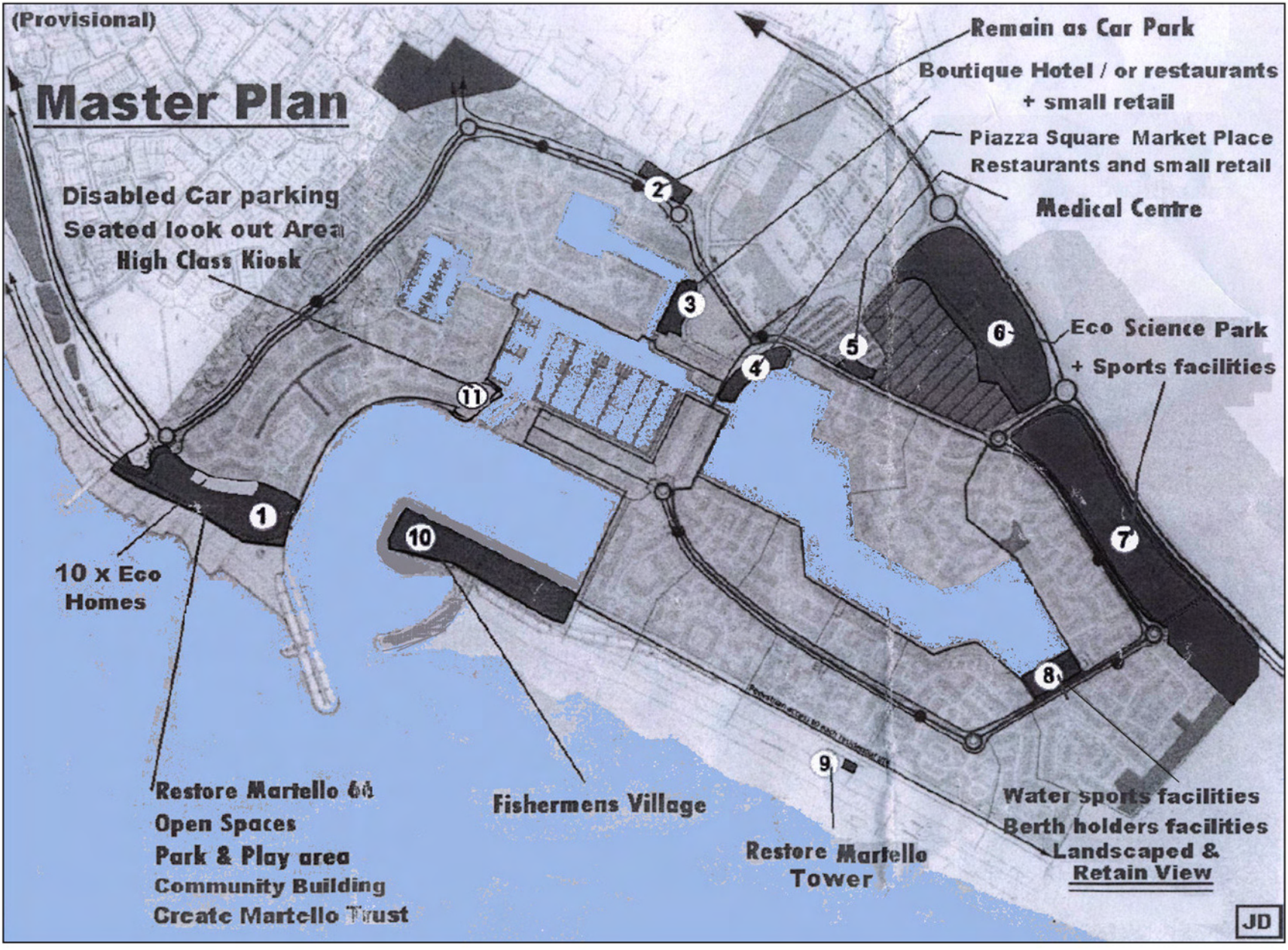
Site Eleven (Owned by Premier Marina)

This area is ideally suited for overviewing the locks and enjoying the journey between coast and harbour. Disabled parking would be beneficial here.

Landscaping and beautifying each site is of paramount importance to us as is…

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(Provisional)
Master Plan
Remain as Car Park
Boutique Hotel / or restaurants
+ small retail
Piazza Square Market Place
Restaurants and small retail
Medical Centre
Disabled Car parking
Seated look out Area
High Class Kiosk
Eco Science Park
+ Sports facilities
10 x Eco
Homes
Restore Martello 66
Open Spaces
Park & Play area
Community Building
Create Martello Trust
Fishermens Village
Restore Martello
Tower
Water sports facilities
Berth holders facilities
Landscaped &
Retain View
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