

## Ramsgate Regeneration



*A full house of East Kent business leaders*

**The Chamber Business Networking Breakfast of Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 featured a presentation by TaylorHare Architects of their plans to revitalise Ramsgate Harbour.**

The resilience of Chamber members was much in evidence as a full house of East Kent business leaders gathered at the Baypoint Club Sandwich despite the threat of high winds promised for later in the day.

Fortified by a substantial breakfast served at table, Chamber members enjoyed their traditional informal networking session, meeting established and new customers for their products and services.

Before an audience drawn from all the districts of East Kent, Chamber Chief Executive David Foley outlined the immediate history of Ramsgate Harbour and Port and invited the architects Chris Taylor and Tim Hare to present their plans.



*Informal networking*



*Chris Taylor & Tim Hare*

They described the origins of TaylorHare and their focus on development in sympathy with the natural environment. This was evident from the restoration and refurbishment of their own offices in Ash which provide a first-class working studio in what was a 50-year-old cowshed. Their plans for Ramsgate Harbour include the establishment of a new college specialising as a centre of excellence for the renewable energy sector. Also envisaged are 1,500 to 2,000 apartments all benefiting from sustainable energy sources.

It was noted that TaylorHare also has offices in Denmark and Bristol. A question from the floor asked why Chris and Tim were so interested in Ramsgate. They replied that it was their favourite part of the world. Tim added that as a member of the Royal Temple Yacht Club, he had spent many years sailing out of Ramsgate and had had acquired a deep affection for the town and its maritime history.

When asked about the opportunities for local suppliers, Chris and Tim emphasised that it was their aim to involve local companies to the greatest extent possible. They expect to move to the next design stage as soon as possible, hastened by a successful bid for levelling up funds. Chamber members will be kept fully informed of progress.

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