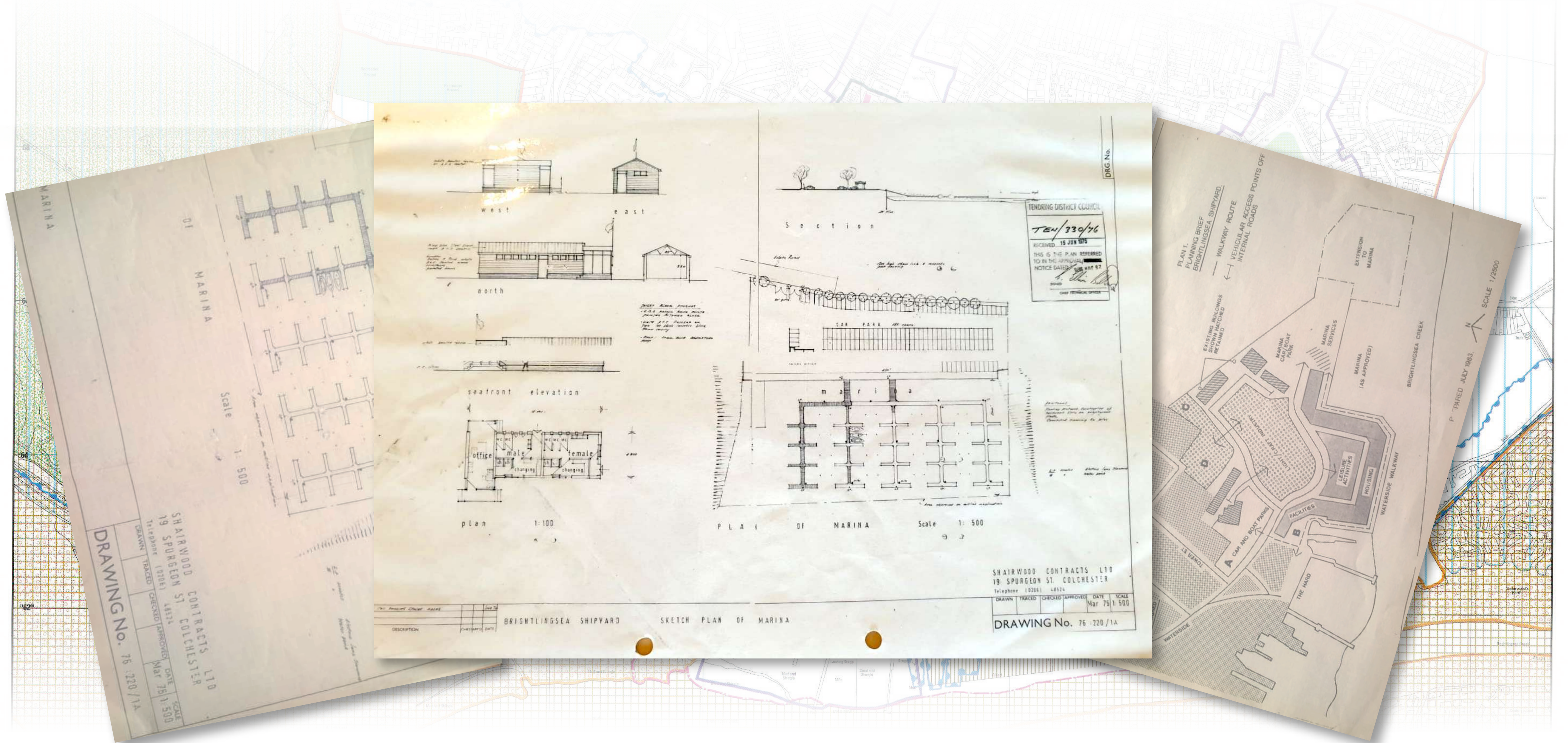


Colne Marina

Planning History



Colne Marina development has been planned since the 1970s, with original plans (shown above) receiving planning permission from Tendring District Council in 1976. In the early 80s, a District Development Plan had been drafted with the marina extension being included within it and supported in its subsequent revisions since 1983.

The district council issued a study, The Colne Estuary Boating Study, (prepared by consultants EMC in 2001) which concluded that leisure activity's demands have increased over time and have had “a very positive economic impact”. The study supports “small to medium size marinas” on the developed waterside of Brightlingsea, subject to strict criteria regarding environmental impact. The most recent District Plan revision contains the following policies relevant to Brightlingsea waterside:

Policy BR3 states that Shipyard Development area (where the current marina and wharf are) is:

- to be developed to protect the employment base of Brightlingsea – current proposal will add up to 10 new full-time jobs
- retain quayside facilities accessible for small cranes/HGVs – the proposal includes a new hoist point which will improve access to the water
- provide public access and mooring – the proposal includes new and improved mooring places, as well as more ground boat storage for winter months

Policy QL8 also requires:

- Protecting the character of existing mixed use
- Support the amenity, function or character of the local area or vitality and viability of any nearby centre