

New plans for Gillingham FC stadium unveiled

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An artist's impression for Gillingham's proposed new stadium at Mill Hill, off Yokosuka Way in Gillingham.

These are the first pictures of Gillingham's dream new stadium in Medway.

The club has long harboured hopes of moving from Priestfield and the latest site it has identified is off Yokosuka Way in Gillingham.

As the exclusive pictures demonstrate, the club has grand plans for the 40 acres of land, which is next to the club's training ground.

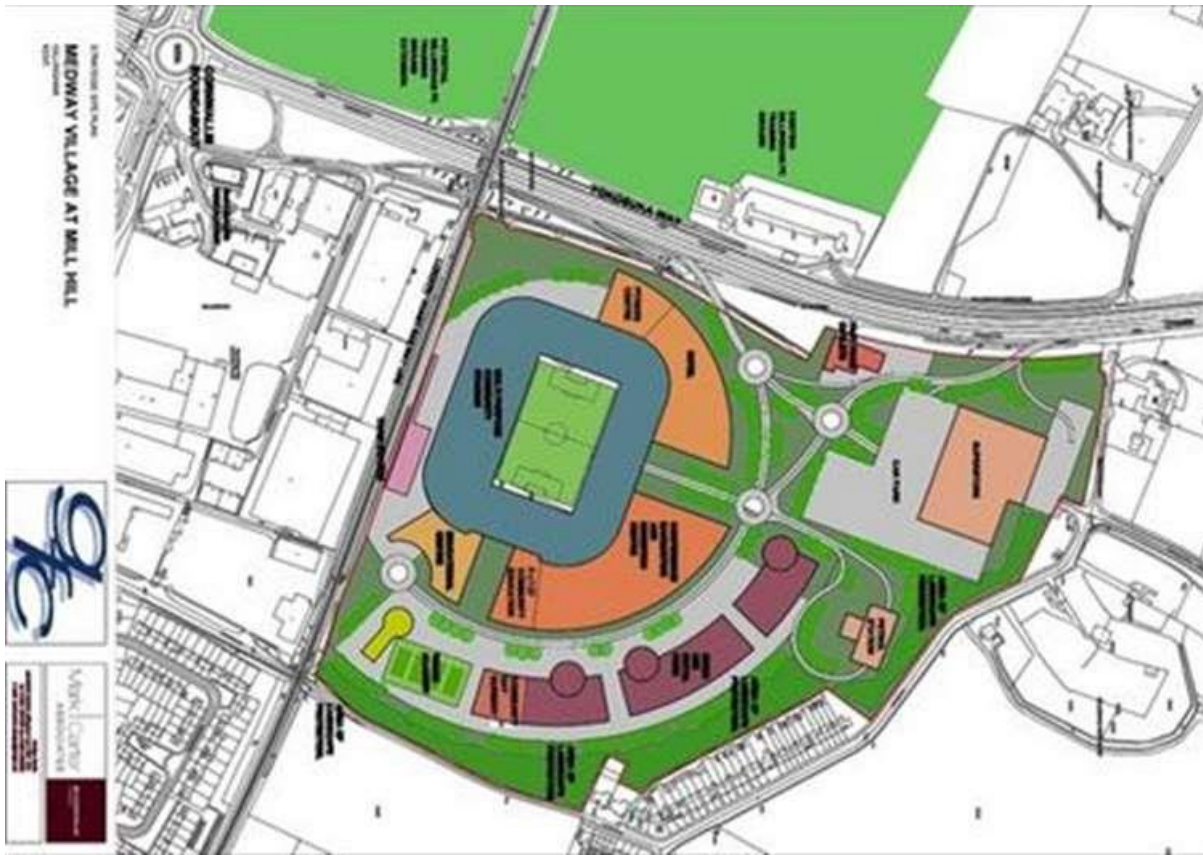
In addition to the 15-18,000 seater stadium, a hotel, supermarket, fast food restaurants, fitness centre, shops, nursery and tennis academy are proposed for the plot.

Chairman Paul Scally has claimed the club's future in Medway is under threat because of plans to transform Chatham Docks in Pier Road, which is close to the Mill Hill site.

Mr Scally told the Medway Messenger last month the approval of developer Peel Ports plans for the site would "almost certainly" be the end of the Gills presence in the Towns.

The problem with the Chatham Docks project as far as the Gills are concerned is that it includes an Asda superstore.

Mr Scally claims a supermarket is needed to finance the stadium, but having two stores so close to each other would make his plan unworkable.



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