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cuts, these plans would collapse. We totally support the junior doctors in striking to defend the NHS.

The latest cut is the closure of Greyfriars Medical Centre in Great Yarmouth. Opened a few years' ago to take pressure off the bulging A&E department in the James Paget it has been closed to save money and patients told to ring the (privately run) 111 service, or attend, yes, the bulging A&E Department.

There is a demonstration to protest against the cuts:

**Friday 30 September, 11am**

**Greyfriars Centre, Howard Street, Gt. Yarmouth**

We will be there. Will the clinicians?

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## BROOKE PENINSULA HOUSING SCHEME COLLAPSES



Artists impression from Cardy Construction planning application

Following the collapse of Waveney District Council's deal to buy the old Sanyo site on the south bank of Lake Lothing an even bigger scheme is in ruins. The universally unpopular mass housing development of the Brooke Peninsula/ Jeld Wen site has fallen. The developer, Cardy Construction, already involved in controversy and failure in Ramsgate, has gone into administration. The fears and objections expressed by many Lowestoft residents two years ago when the council pushed through planning permission for 850 dwellings were well founded.

The Brooke Peninsular/Jeld Wen site includes playing fields, a nature reserve, docks, industrial buildings and existing waterfront businesses. It is prone to flooding, it is contaminated and has poor access to an already congested road system. Yet Waveney District Council pursued its "houses at any cost" policy. Everything had to go.

### BAMBOOZLED COUNCILLORS

Cardy Construction presented the councillors with an artist's impression of bobbing boats in an imaginary marina, car free tree-lined roads, shops, cafes and bars and the legendary and just as imaginary pedestrian/cycle bridge across Lake Lothing. Even the



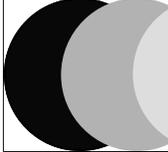
Phillip Ridley

finances should have raised suspicions. There could be no "affordable housing" because, the planners said, the developer could not afford it. Houses on dry parts of the site had to be built and sold to pay for the development of the next stage, the homes on stilts. Crucially the record of Cardy's history in the stalled Ramsgate seafront development was not mentioned.

The Tory council led by Colin Law and Suffolk Coastal's Head of Planning Phillip Ridley (pictured), who bamboozled the councillors, have to be held to account. Did Ridley do due diligence on Corby Construction? If not he should be sacked. The Council now has the opportunity to rethink plans for the site. Peter Colby, who was disgracefully treated over the sale of the Sanyo site, should be allowed to formulate plans to use part of the site for industrial development if he is still willing to do so. Or will the council try to hand on this same unwelcome and unviable planning permission to another speculative developer?

### CARDY IN RAMSGATE

Cardy Construction, contractors for the Pleasurama seafront site since 2009, were appointed as developers in 2014 when the local council cancelled the agreement with closely linked company SFP Ventures. After 13 years it remains a derelict eyesore - see photo below.

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# IF YOU SUPPORT THE NHS SUPPORT THE JUNIOR DOCTORS

It has emerged that secret plans for more NHS cuts are being drawn up. NHS England has carved up the NHS into 44 new "footprint" areas which have been told to submit plans for cuts amounting to over £22bn. Called "sustainability and transformation plans" all services have been told to come up with cuts.

Nothing is out of bounds: closing doctors' surgeries or holding consultations via the internet (yes, really), cutting staff and shifting patients out of hospitals, closing hospital wards or whole hospitals and merging neighbouring services. Rationing and charging for services is likely. It is an invitation for more privatisation.

Some of these have already been tried here. Andy Evans, CEO of the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) with his Prime Ministerial salary of £140,000+ pa, controls local services – the Trusts - because he holds the budget and decides (along with an army of staff) what they will be paid for doing what. He decides what services survive, how many staff can be employed and if they go bust or not. Mostly he tried to balance the books by closing and selling off hospitals, sending patients to private providers or, of course, seeing them end up in A & E at the James Paget Hospital. These options have run out. Every single local NHS service is struggling and in debt yet the CCG is cutting their budgets further.

### MORE FUNDS NOT MORE CUTS

The NHS is chronically under-funded and understaffed. Cuts will not and cannot help. Patients still need to be treated and there are increasing numbers of them. Making them travel more miles to a bigger surgery or tens of miles to a surviving hospital will make care worse. Fewer NHS staff will make care worse. This country is very rich: those that hold most of that wealth and command most of that income should be taxed to fund the NHS. Corporations should be taxed to fund the



Junior doctors brave the weather on the James Paget Hospital picket, 9 March, 2016

NHS. We don't need nuclear weapons or nuclear power stations. They should be cut, not the NHS.

### CLINICIANS: PLEASE SPEAK OUT

The junior doctors are protecting NHS services by refusing to accept that too few doctors can be stretched even further. We know that doctors will leave and have left the NHS because the job has become intolerable. We were told that clinicians would be put in charge of CCGs. Well, where are they now? If, instead of attacking junior doctors, the leaders of the Royal Colleges, the General Medical Council and the clinicians who sit on the CCG Boards publicly supported them, if they refused to approve

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