

we shall be making comment at the appropriate time and members views are always appreciated.

Finally, the Dover Harbour Board (DHB) Western Docks scheme has started, see my comments in the last magazine. Dover needs major regeneration and we have always sought to secure quality with any development. Our fear of sacrifice to quality with the Western Docks scheme seems to have some justification based on the latest application (DOV/15/01254). Derek, Jeremy and I met DHB last July and expressed the need for a quality development particularly the replacement pier area. We were given assurance the Marina Curve, this is in place of the historic

Prince of Wales Pier, would reflect quality and the steel piling will be cosmetically dressed. Sadly this is not reflected in the latest application and DHB have confirmed to Derek it is not their intention to cosmetically dress the Marina Curve.

I have previously mentioned the full detail of what is proposed for the Western Docks scheme should be made available to the community and not a series of artists' impressions. The Planning Committee is united in the view that challenge will be made on this and any future plans that fail to deliver a development that can provide a legacy for future generations, just as our ancestors provided a legacy (Prince of Wales Pier) for community use for over 100 years.

Sir William Crundall and Jack the Ripper

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I am a direct descendant of Albert Edward Bechley Crundall (1862-1950), younger brother of Sir William Henry Crundall.

When a boy I was told a story by my father that the notorious Whitechapel murderer of 1888, dubbed Jack the Ripper, was identified at Dover, and that he was a "Shylock". This information apparently came from Sir Robert Anderson, Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and Director of the C.I.D. at the time of the murders. Anderson was a close friend of the Mowll family and knew Crundall. Anderson often visited and stayed at Dover.

Anderson, in his 1910 memoirs, "The Lighter Side of my Official Life", claims that Jack the Ripper was identified when confronted with a witness. In 1987 further corroboration of Anderson's claims were provided by the discovery of retired

Superintendent, Donald Swanson's copy of Anderson's memoirs in which Swanson elaborates on Anderson's 1910 claims (in pencilled notes), that Anderson's suspect was identified at the "Seaside Home", and that the suspect's name was Kosminski.

My research leads me to believe that this identification took place at Morley House Seaside Convalescent Home, located at St Margaret's, near Dover. Crundall was on the board of governors' at Morley House; his wife was also a life governess. The Home maintained strong links with the City of London police and Dr Frederick Gordon Brown, Chief Police Surgeon of the City police, was one of the Home's surgeons. Dr Brown also conducted the post mortem examination on Catherine Eddowes, the Ripper's fourth victim, and was involved in the investigation of Mary Kelly's murder, the Ripper's fifth and last known victim.