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Hartlepool, Vision Retail and Leisure Park

Extract from the local press

On 16 December plans were given the go-ahead for an expansion of the National Museum of the Royal Navy into a nearby retail park in Hartlepool.

Report on Tuesday, 21st December 2021 in the Hartlepool Mail



Photo: HMS Trincomalee seen inside the Hartlepool's National Museum of the Royal Navy.

Proposals were submitted to Hartlepool Borough Council planning department earlier this year to convert vacant units at Vision Retail Park on The Highlight to be used as part of the neighbouring museum's expansion under Use Class F.1.

Submitted by National Museum of the Royal Navy (NMRN) Hartlepool bosses, plans stated the land would be used for facilities such as galleries, exhibition spaces and heritage and interpretation workshop areas. A report from senior council planning officer Jane Tindall has now confirmed the proposals have been approved, adding they should have numerous benefits to the area.

In her report, she said: "The proposed development would see a vacant building within a designated town centre area, being brought back into use. "This would support the vitality and viability of the area. "The development is not considered to have a negative impact on visual amenity, the amenity of neighbouring land users or highway safety." The primary activities taking place in the expanded museum site are to include galleries and temporary exhibition spaces, such as touring displays, and activity space for experimental experiences."