

FW: SPD feedback
Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre SPD Feedback form.docx; ATT00001.htm

From: Sue Courtney [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 September 2017 20:08
To: Planning Policy Internet
Subject: SPD feedback

As there is a problem with your online feedback form - I have tried twice to submit my feedback, only to have parts of it disappear while I am still typing.

I am copying and pasting my comments and also including my feedback as an attachment.

I am not impressed with your system, which is failing and so preventing residents making their views known. I do hope that this is accidental.

I would like an email in return acknowledging receipt of my SPD feedback, outlining how it will be included in the process.

Kind regards
Sue Courtney

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3. Agree – especially the unattractive shop fronts in High Street. The infrastructure is inadequate – A32 road, lack of police station, cinema, ugly town hall, + historical heritage not used to best advantage – see additional notes re Nelson’s Navy Festival.
4. Enhancing night time economy is NOT a good thing. Will bring noise and unruly behavior for residents. Focus should be on boosting daytime economy.
5. Ensure adequate parking for visitors & for lorries and coaches. The A32 road access is a constant challenge. Residential parking will, realistically be necessary at a rate of 2 parking spaces per residential unit. The infrastructure – schools, doctors, dentists, police - is currently not adequate for current needs much less the predicted future resident numbers.
6. A. Agree. Preserve & enhance character & setting of distinctive built heritage. Conserve & enhance historic built form.

Reinstate shopfronts to more classic styles. NO high rise at Falkland Gardens/ferry. Particular attention should be paid to materials, height, scale and to keeping the proportions of any new development.

B. Agree – promote marine sector in all aspects & enhance tourism sector

c. NO to enhancing evening economy – it will led to noise and unruly behavior.

Gosport lines walk GOOD.

“Enhance public realm” very imprecise and woolly, detail needed.

Marine heritage walk GOOD.

I like the proposals for the Old Grammar School (reinstate this title for the building).

I like the ideas for alleys.

I like the harbourside market idea – possibly foodie & craft like Southsea.

D. NO high rise at bus station – 5 storeys max.

NO to residential around Trinity Green. Land is consecrated and bodies are still there. Could be put on Barclay House side – but in style of Chapel Row houses.

There is no oversupply of parking in peak times – the supermarket car park is only for Morrison’s shoppers.

Mumby Road lorry park needed for lorries and coaches – unless provided elsewhere.

Insufficient parking at Royal Clarence Yard to sustain plans for retail and commercial.

High Street has much historically significant architecture above commercial units, which should be retained.

E. But what about getting people IN? Both access roads are gridlocked much of the day – every day.

More electric car charging points needed.

Improved pedestrian access good.

F. Retain Falkland Garden features – GOOD.

Having a cultural quarter is good – but needs culture – theatre and cinema. Street trees and soft landscaping very good. This is already a strength of Gosport.

G. Flood risk proposals seem OK.

H. Constant problem with road access in and out. More doctors, dentists, schools and police station needed but no plans for this!

J. I like the idea of promoting healthy town by encouraging cycling and walking – but as we are an area of significant deprivation the population needs more healthcare provision – doctors and dentists & hospital.

7. Bus station

Bus station land is NOT for council to sell. Gosport residents should retain ownership of their land assets in perpetuity.

16. YES. Green flag for Falkland gardens is potentially a good thing – but need more details of what is involved.

Waterfront north of Mumby Road.

Agree broadly – more detail needed.

Royal Clarence Yard

Agree broadly. More detail needed.

North of High Street.

The most recent redevelopment of the area has not been successful – area is not pleasant to walk through or live in. New proposals should seek to reverse this.

High Street.

Largely agree.

Shop fronts need improving.

South Street

Potential for apartments from George & Dragon car park to past the police station.

However, proposals for retail units below may be mistake – taking shoppers away from High Street which should be the main focus of attention. Keep it residential.

NO houses between Hammond & Blake Courts

Trinity Green

Barclay House side could be developed, but NO building on church green land.

Hasalar marina

Broadly agree – need more detail

Gosport lines

Agree – interpretation boards very important. Gosport Society happy to support this.

7. Implementation

8. 6.3 – Gosport to retain ownership of all land assets in perpetuity. It is NOT to be sold off.

9. `Historic walk and Marine walk

10. Maintain welcoming, open, green frontage.

11. Other comments

Develop a unique Gosport character.

I am a coach and I encourage clients to be a first-rate version of themselves. Gosport is NOT, nor should it aspire to be, another Gunwharf.

We should be proud of Gosport and develop a strong identity of our own based on our strong historic and marine heritage, our unspoilt beaches and other amenities.

Viewing Gosport from Portsmouth is a joy as it shows a green, tree-filled haven. Gosport is the 'lungs' of the area and could become the calm, tranquil, relaxing and restorative antidote to the hectic pace and urbanization of Gunwharf and Portsmouth.

The A32 is a barrier to success as it is known the length and breadth of the land as a nightmare, putting people off visiting.

**** Idea****

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