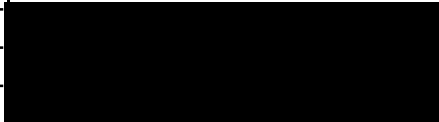


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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	I am pleased to see that the vision is to provide an attractive harbourside destination, using marine and historic assets to attract visitors and investment. New development will act as a catalyst only if it is the right development.
2. Do you have any comments regarding the strengths of the Waterfront and Town Centre area identified in the SPD? (eg. agree, disagree, any additional ones?)	Discussed below
3. Do you have any comments regarding the weaknesses of the Waterfront and Town Centre area identified in the SPD? (eg. agree, disagree, any additional ones?)	Discussed below
4. Do you have any comments regarding the opportunities of the Waterfront and Town Centre area identified in the SPD? (eg. agree, disagree, any additional ones?)	A more attractive town, taking account of the concerns detailed below.
5. Do you have any comments regarding the challenges of the Waterfront and Town Centre area identified in the SPD? (eg. agree, disagree, any additional ones?)	I would welcome a clearer view on how the Council proposes to maximise and bring together a coherent waterfront plan for the marine and heritage assets mentioned many times through the SPD. If Gosport is to be regenerated successfully, then looking at things in a fragmented or piecemeal fashion will not bring this to fruition.
Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape	I agree that Gosport has an attractive harbour location and any development should enhance this. We should not be in competition with Portsmouth but offer an open, airy, welcoming space where people can come to appreciate the harbour, sit in the gardens, have a coffee or meal overlooking the harbour as well as to catch a ferry or wander along the extended waterfront, through the High Street or to Royal Clarence Yard etc.
Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities	These will come with the right developments and accessibility addressed.

Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience	If a landmark building is required by the waterfront, this can be low rise, architect designed with perhaps distinctive lettering facing Portsmouth such as a maritime museum, celebrating Gosport's heritage. The water frontage should be attractive from Gosport town and the harbourside. Any residential development or children's play area is not appropriate here.
Theme D: Providing New Homes	I have seen many numbers bandied around for the proposed increase of residents in the town centre. The infrastructure to support an increase in resident numbers should be in place prior to any detailed planning being sought. A high rise development is inappropriate, we have those already, and at the waterfront would be an unwelcome eyesore, detract from the Vision given in the SPD and moreover cast Gosport into the shade.
Theme E: Improving Accessibility	Gosport council should continue to press for improvements to the A32 and access to the town. As it is proposed for additional homes to be built at Lee-on-Solent, then leaving the borough via Stubbington could become even more of a bottle neck.
Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision	I am in accord with the Public realm improvements proposed in the document.
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	no comment
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	If we are to welcome more visitors to the town, then there should be no reduction in the number of car parking spaces in the town centre itself. As well as coming across from Portsmouth, visitors to Gosport from outside the borough (as well as residents) do drive into the town. At times, I have had difficulty in finding a parking space close to the top of the High Street. Car parking should allow for an increase in incoming visitors as well as just the retail needs of the town centre. Looking longer term is needed, not just at the current position.
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	Open green spaces will aid this.
The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	The bus station is a dismal place and a fresh open space such as described in the SPD should replace it. The proposed bus interchange must be by the ferry and a covered walkway from bus to ferry would be a welcome addition. Any residential development or children's play area is not appropriate here.
Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	If the waterfront is to be extended towards Haslar Marina, is there not an opportunity for a further pontoon to pick up passengers for day cruises or scheduled services to the IoW or Southampton water etc? Bring people across from Portsmouth to the town to use this facility.
Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	There are under-utilised facilities, empty shops etc on this site. What is preventing businesses coming to this part of the town centre?
North of the High Street	

The High Street and associated areas	The High Street is a shadow of its former self. I do not see in the SPD anything that makes me think that it will be invigorated by the proposals given. An injection of vibrancy would not go amiss. The precinct area, former magistrates court and police station area should be redeveloped, perhaps an appropriate place for a landmark building or two as on corner plots. An ideal location for retirement places as close to the town's amenities and supermarkets.
South Street	Move buses away from Stoke Road and introduce bus stops along South Street.
Trinity Green area	The open spaces and paths surrounding Trinity Church should be left alone. It is refreshing to be able to walk from the ferry through the trees, past the church, down to the long stay car park and then on to Walpole Park.
Haslar Marina	
The Gosport Lines	
8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?	as above
9. Are there any other sites within the Waterfront and Town Centre area which have potential for development?	as above
10. Please can you give any suggestions of what else the Council should consider to include in the final version of the SPD?	as above
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