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We are writing with regard to the proposed planning document which we have read and appreciate the need to enhance both the residents and visitor experience for Gosport as a whole.

Whilst we agree that in principle that the development of Gosport will be a benefit to both residents and visitors and we do not have any major issues with the developing of marine facilities around the Royal Clarence Yard (RCY) in order to create more employment in the area.

However we do have concerns with regard to possible noise created in the area from any new marine facilities being used at unsociable hours, and would therefore request that there are covenants put in place to ensure that there is no noise overnight ( for example after 10pm and before 7am) as the area is very close to permanent living accommodation.

As residents of Royal Clarence Yard we also have concerns with regard to the proposal to turn in Brewhouse Square at RCY into a parking area. We do not understand the need to create more parking spaces in the area, especially as your document champions enhancing the heritage walk from the Gosport Ferry to RYC. Cooperage Green car park currently allows up to four hours free visitor parking and creating more parking closer to the amenities will not I believe generate more footfall. A case in point being the recent arrival of the new carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth, whilst there has been more traffic at the far end of the development adjacent to the Forton Lifting Bridge. The majority of people who came to have a look either parked in Cooperage Green or walked from other car parks in Gosport.

As you are probably aware, there is currently a planning application in progress for additional building at the RCY plus a change in the current parking arrangements which includes placing barriers outside of Flagstaff House which would result in the residents in this block having to use the Ceremonial Gates as their entrance and exit to the onsite parking, any cars being parked in Brewhouse Square would presumably also have to use the Ceremonial Gates unless additional roads are put in place around the existing buildings. The Ceremonial Gates are part of our history and should be protected, they are not wide enough for two way traffic, which will result in sitting traffic waiting to get in and out the site, this will also result in additional noise and emissions from these vehicles plus potential damage to the gates by vehicles passing under them.

In addition both doors into Flagstaff House open out onto the existing roadways either side of the property as there is no walkway around the building, therefore residents literally have to step out on to the roadway which we believe will be safety issue from additional traffic for all residents and in particular families with young children and anybody with a disability.

Also anybody who parks in Cooperage Green using for example the Wendy House (children's cafe) have to walk down past Flagstaff House on the roadway in order to access the area and due to nature of that particular business there are lots of mothers and toddlers using this roadway. Young children from the flats in the area also Brewhouse Square as a play area.

The units available for let down the side of Brewhouse Square would also have a car parking right on there doorstep, which would be detrimental to them due to the noise and emissions produced by vehicles, especially if they wanted to have outside seating areas.

It does not seem appropriate to close existing car parks in order to build a new car park in a Conservation area, as stated in the document on page 18 "open spaces enhance selling of new developments" the open area is one of the reasons we purchased our property and it seems inappropriate to now make this historical open space a car park.

There is already plenty of parking around Gosport which is away from living accommodation and as recently shown by the arrival of the aircraft carrier people are prepared to walk if there is something to bring them into the area. I believe a modern development plan should encourage people to seek alternative methods of transport to the car. As suggested in the document, enhancement of the Heritage walk, park and ride and water taxi links thus integrating the attractions of Portsmouth with those of Gosport.

Finally, having looked at other similar developments like Gunwharf and Port Solent all visitor parking is away from residential properties which would not be the case if this aspect of planning proposal proceeds.

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