

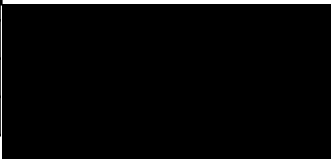
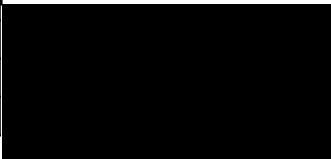
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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	<p>Plan 1 The Millennium Promenade, identified as "quality frontage" this is the very area upon which it has been suggested [pages 74 and 75] there is "potential for cafe restaurant" "well designed pods" NO NO NO With over forty ready food outlets already within the SPD remit and Gosport topping the national obesity charts, the last thing the town needs is more food outlets, and the last thing we residents need is noisome activity immediately below our windows. Residents facing the harbour already suffer considerable inconvenience of late noise from returnees on the water taxi - just recently on Saturday 16th September 2017 or more correctly 04:25 on Sunday 17th September my wife and I were awakened by the shouting, singing and swearing of a group proceeding from the pontoon through the tunnel walkway [itself an echo chamber] up to the taxi area or along the promenade. This is an activity we have to endure every weekend throughout the summer months. And there is no one to complain to, and there is no one to police it!</p>

<p>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?)</p>	<p>It is suggested that there is a "pleasant town centre environment" [page 10] it is clear that the author of this expression has not experienced the persistent presence of vagrants, alcoholics and the drug addled unwashed who all too frequently congregate and beg in this area. If this is such a pleasant place there would be no need for the Public Space Protection Order which is currently being sought. It must be said, it could be a very pleasant space, if there were sufficient 'grip' on the problems. One can make as many rules and control orders as you like, but without the will and the force required to police it, I'm afraid it will be a wasted exercise. Indeed, I would go as far as to say there are no new 'rules' required, there is sufficient law available, but regrettably insufficient resources and or will, to enforce it. One might ask why this "well maintained centre" [page 10] has lost the use of its once beautifully restored Victorian drinking fountain. And why is there a complete lack of control of cyclists who cannot, or do not, understand the restriction signage.</p>
<p>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?)</p>	<p>Contrary to the Town Centre being a safe daytime environment, the evening experience can feel more than a little threatening, particularly if one is alone. This is a generally poor area and it is hardly surprising there is a lack of high end shops and restaurants.</p>
<p>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?)</p>	<p>It is not clear from the consultation draft [page 12] where the new bars and restaurants are supposed to derive their income, as it is quite obvious from the "Weaknesses" [page 11] that there is insufficient business to support the current commercial properties available.</p>
<p>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?)</p>	<p>A "Strength" is Ample Parking" a serious weakness is the cost of parking and this impacts to the detriment of local business which is already struggling, not least with the business rate. And I suggest that there be a 'free' parking period, say 2 hours, prior to any requirement for payment. The bus station should be developed, in suitable scaled form, much as on the Portsmouth side which is exemplary.</p>

<p>Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape</p>	<p>Actively maintain the town centre as an area, free from vagrants et al, and cyclist's.If the area felt safe there is every reason to suppose that evening leisure business would develop and thrive.It is no good wishing for a 'café culture' the Council and the community has to work at it, and I regret to say that this is not the feeling one currently gets.</p>
<p>Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities</p>	<p>One must be in favour of new employment initiatives, but please, please, please, let's not simply produce another series of dead end, low skill, low income, fried food establishments.</p>
<p>Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience</p>	<p>[page 29] "Proposals ... evening economy will be encouraged" but, please not to the detriment of those residing on the water side of Harbour and Seaward Towers' . The residents of which have to endure late night noise and behaviour that the author[s] clearly have not experienced. If it is not raining one can practically guarantee that sleep will be interrupted anytime up until 04:00 on a Saturday and Sunday Morning by those returning to and from Portsmouth via the water taxi.To suggest that "recreational facilities, bars and restaurants" "will be encouraged" adjacent to residential property is quite intolerable, and this suggestion would not be entertained in an area with high value properties.</p>
<p>Theme D: Providing New Homes</p>	<p>No one can sensibly be against the provision of new homes, provided they are affordable. However these should not be at the expense of the permit controlled exclusive parking which currently exists at Harbour Tower. If there needs to be some manipulation of areas, "Opportunities Plan" Harbour Tower must be left with at least the same number [that is 55 + 6 disabled total 61] if not more, exclusive use parking spaces.It is simply not acceptable for a building with 120 homes to be penalised and left with reduced exclusive parking facilities.</p>
<p>Theme E: Improving Accessibility</p>	<p>Appropriate access to the waterfront. This is supposed to be a non cycling area, but very little is done to enforce the rule and in consequence on occasions it appears to be used as a cycle lane.</p>

Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision	Quite right, but this should not be to the detriment of the residents living immediately adjacent. The quiet enjoyment of one's home is a right and it ill beholds an authority to encourage activities of any nature which will unduly impinge upon that right.
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	Any new residences should be built with under parking, this to facilitate best use of the footprint and to put accommodation 3 metres above ground level.No adverse comments
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	Agreed.
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	"Creating a Healthier Town" I return to a previous comment, 40+ ready to eat, food outlets and the suggestion for more plus "pop ups" is hardly going to improve our position on the national obesity meter.
The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	The bus station should be developed, in suitable scaled form, much as on the Portsmouth side which is exemplary. [Repeated from 5 above] And most importantly include well designed and properly serviced public lavatories. It is essential that this unique and valuable site is not sold off. Whatever the final development, this site should only be ever be leased, thus might future generations thank you as they will be able to benefit from the income stream. If sold, this asset will be forever lost and future administrations will rue the poor decision. The crown jewels can only be sold once!
Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	No adverse comments
Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	No adverse comments
North of the High Street	No adverse comments
The High Street and associated areas	Much of what is needed here has been already mentioned, however one would stress that much more can be done to keep the area clear of undesirable people and poor behaviour. The area will thrive, if it is seen to be welcoming. It is conceivable that a great deal of money could be spent but if the basics are not established there is a serious risk of wasted investment.
South Street	No adverse comments, and the undercroft parking is noted [it needs to be as generous as possible]

Trinity Green area	The fact that Harbour and Seaward Towers' are 'locally listed' goes to emphasise earlier points about detrimental activities being permitted [and encouraged] and the deleterious effect such would have upon residents.[page 74] The prospect of "commercial development" however "limited" or "well-designed" on the "under utilised space between the Millennium Promenade and Harbour and Seaward Towers' " does not sit well with any of the water facing residents I have spoken with. There is a sense of foreboding.
Haslar Marina	No adverse comments
The Gosport Lines	No adverse comments
8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?	All comments relating specifically to Harbour Tower and its immediate area. I am most concerned that current residences are not adversely affected by any of the proposals in the SPD
9. Are there any other sites within the Waterfront and Town Centre area which have potential for development?	No adverse comments
10. Please can you give any suggestions of what else the Council should consider to include in the final version of the SPD?	It would be helpful if the letters SPD were explained at the top of the page!
11. Please include any comments you may have	The author[s] of the SPD are to be complimented, it is a wide ranging and generally well presented piece of work.It can be seen that Harbour Tower is probably the most affected building in the whole plan as it is affected on three of its elevations:North - by the bus station development [page 55] West - by residential development and potential loss of parking [pages 74 & 75] and East - by the incursion of noise and smells from café/restaurants [pages 74 & 75]This means that, however far into the future, should the proposals contained in the SPD come to fruition, each and every one of the 120 homes in Harbour Tower will in one way or another be detrimentally affected.It would be grossly unfair for the residents of Harbour Tower to have the quiet enjoyment of their homes to be so adversely influenced.
12. Please could you complete your contact details	[D] M Waterman

Organisation (if applicable)	I am responding here with my personal views, and as an individual resident of some 13 years. However, I am co-incidentally the chairman of the Five Towers Residents Association and in consequence I am regularly involved with and generally 'taking the temperature' of residents in Blake Court, Hammond Court, Harbour Tower and Seaward Tower [and Garland Court but here not immediately affected], which allows me to have some understanding of how people are thinking.
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