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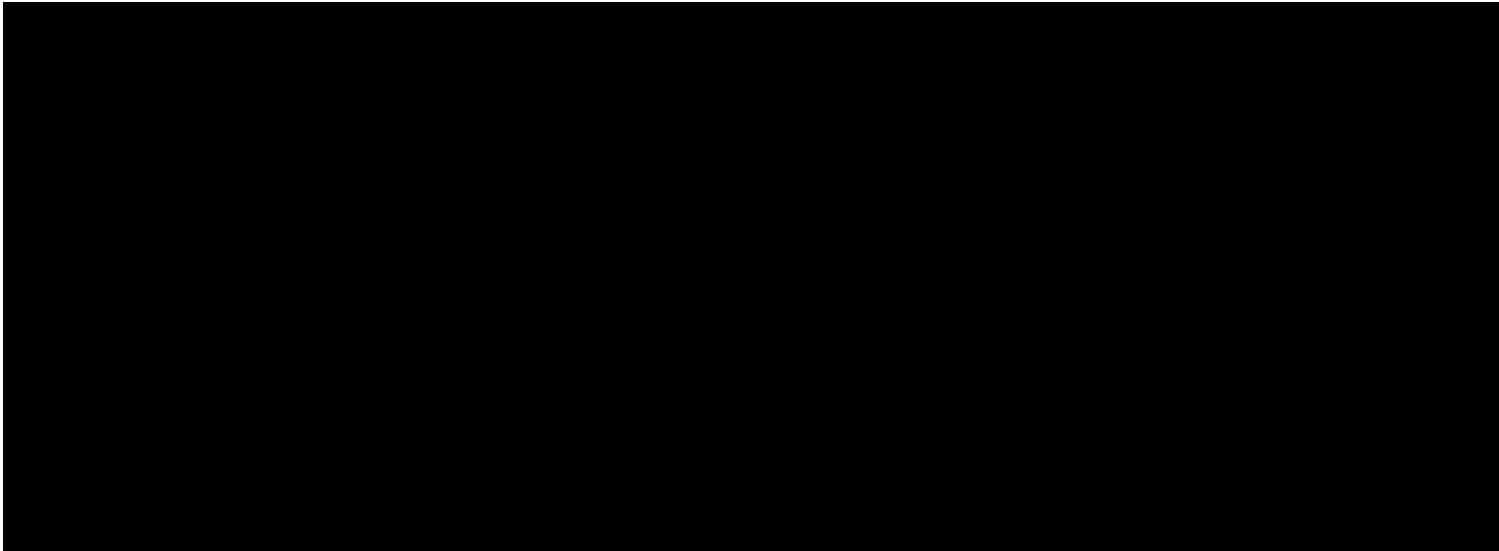
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Please see attached a contribution to the SPD consultation underway in Gosport.

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Hampshire arts and museums are operated and funded by Hampshire Cultural Trust. This independent charity champions world-class culture and exists to showcase, connect and empower Hampshire's creative economy. To find out more and get involved visit: [REDACTED]

Hampshire Cultural Trust response to Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre SPD Draft Consultation

Hampshire Cultural Trust welcomes the opportunity to respond to the current Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre SPD Consultation Draft.

Within Gosport, Hampshire Cultural Trust operates SEARCH, the hands-on schools learning service, Gosport Gallery and the Geology Gallery within the Old Grammar School building. In addition, it provides a small museum display within Gosport Discovery Centre.

As a local business and a cultural provider within the town we recognise the challenges and are supportive of the key themes identified within the draft SPD. Indeed, many of the key themes have synergies with our own priorities as a Trust.

We share the commitment to enhance the cultural offer and create a vibrant place to live and work. Examples from elsewhere testify to the role that culture can play in driving High Street regeneration, creating better life chances for local people and stimulating a tourist economy. With this at the forefront of our minds, as you reference on page 30, we are actively considering the future of the Old Grammar School building. It is our intention to develop the building and its offer to better meet the needs of the local community within the Borough. Our focus is on facilitating a cultural offer that also delivers social outcomes and helps address some of the issues you identify in the supporting background papers. We would welcome the opportunity to share our progress and discuss our emerging thinking with you further.

We recognise as set out on page 67, the real opportunity to build on existing cultural provision to create a cultural quarter around Lawrence Square. In developing our plans for the Old Grammar School Building, we are keen to maximise the connectivity with the newly reimagined Discovery Centre. Building on the proximity and connections between these two buildings will help foster a cultural focus for the town centre and be a key attractor bringing people to the High Street. We would welcome the opportunity to reignite past conversations on improvements to the public realm in this area.

About Hampshire Cultural Trust

Hampshire Cultural Trust was established in 2014 to promote Hampshire as a cultural county and to operate arts and museums facilities previously managed and funded by Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Winchester City Council (WCC). The trust exists to provide great arts, heritage, museums and creative programming through working in partnership with others and playing a central role in developing communities in Hampshire.