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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	<p>I am completing this form on both my behalf (Janice Anne Graham of [REDACTED] and my husband (Robert Barry Diamond of [REDACTED] We think that, whilst the plan may appear to be of benefit to local residents and the town of Gosport itself, in reality, it is simply a development opportunity with the basic aim of building yet more houses, for which, the infrastructure in place at the moment, simply does not have the strength to support. We understand the need to try to bring more business into Gosport and yet, whilst the town is perfect for marine based opportunities, the actual town will not in the end benefit because the loss of more green and brown spaces and the inevitable transport problems will just make Gosport more of a cul-de-sac with access issues and the strain on the road system simply made worse. What you are basically proposing is turning the town into even more of a built up urban conurbation with less opportunity in reality, for existing residents. More importantly, you are proposing yet more "development" of our historic buildings and areas.</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>We understand the desire to make the town centre a more vibrant one and yet, with business rates, the lack of a proper road system and a lack of understanding as to what Gosport, historically means, all you are basically proposing is, we feel, more housing - more money for the Council and less for the actual people of Gosport. The waterfront will be, we feel, simply more developed. You need to find ways to encourage business into the existing structure and one way to do this would be to reduce the ridiculous costs for shop owners. You know that business in the town centre has declined - there are no longer a good variety of business and shops and you need to look at the reasons for this. Your plan is, we feel very much based upon the marine business side of the town - and this, we feel, means more tower blocks, not affordable housing and not anything that is sympathetic to the town already in place.</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>Weaknesses:Simply this - you are proposing too many houses and too many residential units and "jazzing up" this vision of yours as something that will benefit the people of Gosport.It won't - all you plan to do is raze existing buildings (which Gosport Council has a long and infamous history of doing) thereby taking away even more of the character of the town.You will not get more business development into the town because:a. road system will not be able to cope with the further increase in traffic - it is already a nightmare to get in and out of the town at "peak" times (the very times when you know that residents have to travel out of the town to work).I listen to workers from outside when I am walking our dog in the morning - they moan constantly about how difficult it is time wise, to get out the town and back in.b. More housing will mean more cars - meaning more parking spaces will be required- not less as you state in your document.c. Businesses will not come into Gosport because of the above and also because of the crippling business rates that you charge. We were looking to open a small pet shop 3 years ago. A proper look at the costs we would have to absorb simply for the rental and business rates before any profit could be forthcoming, meant that we could not take up this opportunity.d. Existing historical areas - these would be simply destroyed by the change over to "housing" and "retail units". As we mentioned above, no one in the Council seems to have any understanding or sympathy for what was Gosport in terms of architecture and history.e. Green spaces - what can I say? All you really want is more housing and thus, as always, it is the tiny amount of green land that we have now, that would go to make way for all your plans.</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 would be lovely to have more shops open. But - Look at the photos of what Gosport used to have in terms of shops.You need to ask yourselves why the vast majority of these lovely old shops disappeared. We think that the reasons are simply as mentioned above - rates, road system.</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>Road system. Already cannot cope with the volume of traffic coming into and going out, of the town.Parking - not enough. Will be even less when you build your 9000 new homes. Nowadays, people seem to have around 3 cars per household. Where will they park these?Why is it always the historic parts of Gosport that have to be "transformed" (brutalised and ruined) in the name of progress? There needs to be a sympathetic look at plans for development and more honesty in what you are telling the people of Gosport.</p>
<p>Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape</p>	<p>Would be nice. But, look at what you have achieved so far in terms of creating an attractive town space - it is a complete disaster.Every spare piece of land is full of tower blocks.There are no real different shops - any that open now tend not to stay long don't they?Where will the bus system go ? A bus needs a bus station not a "mixed use development" (planning speak for absolutely nothing to do with bus parking at all we feel).</p>
<p>Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities</p>	<p>Road system and business rates mean that this will never really happen.What you plan is building more "retail units" many of which will sit, unoccupied in the wasteland of what was green space.</p>

Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience	With your Trinity Green plan, you are basically, we feel, planning more tower blocks, more tiny boxes with nothing in place for families. To enhance the shopping experience, you have to allow shops to thrive - they cannot and will not thrive when they cannot make even a tiny profit. Too much has already been devastated from the original Gosport Lines to even contemplate enhancing it.
Theme D: Providing New Homes	All we have to say here is NO, NO, NO, NO Gosport is already groaning under the weight of the concrete boxes already built.
Theme E: Improving Accessibility	Cost of the Gosport Ferry increases year by year and makes it very expensive to get across that tiny stretch of water. Bus routes at the moment are good - but again, very expensive. £4.50 return from Chantry Road to Morrisons and back? Ridiculous price. No more building of roads please - all this does is destroy the countryside. It still pains me to see what has happened to the green space that I used to know if I ever travel on the E1 and E2 buses.
Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision	New development will never "respect and enhance the open space provision". New buildings, new concrete blocks mean less green space.
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	We cannot comment on this because we are not aware of the flood risk and thus would argue that what is currently in place is working?
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	Covered we believe, in the comments above.
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	Gosport will never really be a healthier town because young people today love their fast, junk food. Everywhere you go in and around Gosport, there are more and more fast food places opening up. What you want, we feel is just to build more houses rather than perhaps using the existing housing already built. Why do lovely old historic buildings have to be bulldozed to make way for "better" (?) modern concrete blocks?
The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	We would like to see what is currently there, staying put. Concerns are manifold but basically that we know that all you really want to do is build, build, build whilst not caring. Falkland Gardens need to stay as it is please.
Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	This area has already been "transformed" and there is more building work on going. By the way, by "transformed" we mean, built upon. Soon, there will be nothing left but concrete tower blocks wherever you look in Gosport.
Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	Already built up with some quite nice areas. We are assuming that you want more housing. NO Thank You
North of the High Street	Again, you have already taken away any of the original character and historical elements here. We don't want more building work
The High Street and associated areas	Need to remove the excessive business rates - that way, you might get more business opportunities.
South Street	Cannot one area in Gosport be preserved a little instead of being "transformed" - probably not for the better.

Trinity Green area	This area is already an eyesore - due in part, we think by the building designs of earlier years. Knock it all down (obviously not the Church) and start again with small housing areas with gardens. We know that this will not happen - you just want your concrete blocks.
Haslar Marina	Is already thriving.
The Gosport Lines	This area has already been destroyed by past developments. It would be almost impossible, we think, for it to be returned to anything like a pleasant, extended walk.
8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?	Our major concern, and one which we know our comments will not affect, is the plan for more housing. We think that this plan has been evolving, silently, secretly, between the Council and "Developers" and all that this document is trying to do, is to soften the blow of what will be a monstrous over development.
9. Are there any other sites within the Waterfront and Town Centre area which have potential for development?	NO
10. Please can you give any suggestions of what else the Council should consider to include in the final version of the SPD?	They should consider, properly, honestly and fairly, what a mess has already been made of the town. How the grabbing of any parcel of land to build concrete blocks, has already ruined the old character. They need, we think, to include residents of Gosport into a "think tank". To sit and listen and include us in their secret plans.
11. Please include any comments you may have	We think that it is a shame that, regardless of the lovely ideas that the document would have you believe is behind this proposal, in reality, all this really is, is an opportunity for the building of more concrete blocks. We feel that it matters not, that we have spent hours on reading the document and adding our comments - the deal has, we think, already been done and that all that will happen is that more concrete will clothe our town.
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