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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	The vision is laudable and one cannot deny that Gosport needs rejuvenating but the priorities should be to improve the infrastructure and deal with the social deprivation in the area.
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?)	Agree in general with the summary of strengths although the town centre environment cannot always be described as pleasant. We are usually subject to passive smoking, profanity, vagrants setting up camp in any available space, and drug abuse.
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?)	Agree
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?)	Do not agree that additional bars, restaurants or retail space are required along the waterfront. Focus should be on enhancing existing businesses and unused retail sites in the town and in the Royal Clarence Yard area. The recent approval of plans for Brockhurst Gate Retail Park will ultimately have an adverse impact on town centre businesses, as would further catering/retail development nearby. There are already in the region of 40 catering establishments in the SPD area, opening more will do nothing to improve the current high levels of obesity in the area. Very much agree with opportunities listed under 'Tourism and Events' (particularly the potential for a variety of additional water based trips which would encourage visitors to the area), and under 'Transport' (the availability of water transport to other places along the coast could help to ease traffic congestion in and out of the town).
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?)	Agree. We can't compete with Gunwharf and Southsea and shouldn't try. Setting up water based activities would give Gosport its own identity and encourage visitors.
Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape	The development of more tall buildings would be to the detriment of the townscape, developers should learn from the overshadowing and micro-climatic effects of the existing tower blocks. They are renowned for the increased wind velocity in the area, noise from ground level is also magnified and causes nuisance to residents, smells (tobacco/cannabis smoke and food) rises and is unpleasant for residents. It would be difficult to light Harbour and Seaward Towers without causing a problem for residents. Improving and creating more walking links would be of benefit.
Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities	Agree that marine sector should be promoted to create more employment opportunities. However creating additional moorings between the ferry and Haslar Marina is not a good idea and would detract from the current excellent views over to Portsmouth and be to the detriment of the marine ecology in the area. There are already 3 marinas in Gosport plus a number of sailing clubs with mooring facilities, surely that's sufficient.
Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience	Proposals for the bus station site should concentrate on providing transport and information for tourists and encourage visitors to go into the town and surrounding areas to support existing businesses, and to travel to Stokes Bay where more leisure, retail and catering facilities could be provided. The waterfront should be promoted as a pleasant area for sitting and walking and watching the activity in the harbour. Any retail/bar/catering development along the waterfront between the ferry and Haslar Marina would detract from the area and lead to nuisance noise and smell issues for residents in the area and the potential for anti-social behaviour.
Theme D: Providing New Homes	Residential development on the bus station site would need to include parking which would lead to more traffic and congestion in the area. Residential development on Trinity Green would be sacrilege and involve the loss of mature trees and green space which would increase the risk of flooding. Trinity Green is currently a pleasant green lung in the town, residential development would detract from the setting of Trinity Church and the Vicarage. Any homes built there would be overshadowed and overlooked by the tower blocks and have no privacy. There are already issues with traffic and parking in the area which would be exacerbated by further residential development. Encouraging more visitors to Gosport will increase the need for long stay parking so any use of current car park facilities for residential development could backfire in the long term. Also some of the car parks are currently used by existing residents who have no on site parking available.

Theme E: Improving Accessibility	Agree that accessibility needs to be improved, not just around the town centre and waterfront area but to the Gosport peninsula in general. A new transport interchange with a prominent tourist information centre is essential. I hope the Community Bicycle Recycling shop, which also hires out bikes, will be provided with premises in the new facility. Reorganisation of the current car park facilities requires careful consideration in view of the potential for more visitors to the area, who may come not just for leisure reasons but also to visit new residents when the development of areas such as Haslar Hospital are completed; there is never enough parking for everyone on such sites.
Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision	Agree. Existing open spaces should be retained and not used for residential development. Bastion No 1 in dire need of enhancement, current impression is that it's a base for vagrants, drug dealing, litter and anti-social behaviour in general.
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	The increasing potential for flooding due to climate change is of serious concern and any residential development in the risk areas will aggravate the situation relating to surface water flooding despite developers' efforts to mitigate any risk.
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	Infrastructure requirements for any development in the area are complex and implementation would entail huge upheaval and inconvenience. More health facilities would be required, the current medical centres are already struggling to meet demand from existing residents and it is proving difficult to attract health professionals to the area.
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	Anything to improve the health and wellbeing of residents is welcome but is more a question of better education and example. Increasing the number of bars and food outlets will not help if trying to improve residents' eating and drinking habits. Banning smoking and the drinking of alcohol in public open spaces would create a pleasanter environment for all.
The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	An attractive and accessible transport hub is required with prominent tourist information facilities geared towards encouraging visitors to go further into the town and Royal Clarence Yard to support existing and new businesses away from the waterfront, and to visit Stokes Bay. Retail and bar/restaurant use on the site will have an adverse effect on existing traders in the town and cause noise, litter and smell nuisance, particularly for the occupants of Harbour Tower. A tall building should be avoided for aesthetic reasons and micro-climate issues as experienced around the existing tower blocks, e.g. increased wind velocity. The Community Bicycle Recycling facility, which also hires bikes, should be retained on this site. Residential use is not a good idea in an area geared towards transport where occupants would suffer noise and air pollution issues. Visitor moorings would detract from the view across the harbour and adversely affect the ecology of the area. Gosport is already well served for mooring facilities with 3 marinas and a good number of sailing clubs in the area.
Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	All areas currently providing marine employment and facilities should be retained. Clarence Wharf Industrial Estate should also be retained, it provides employment for local residents. It would be excellent if part of the waterfront area could be opened up to provide a joined up walkway to Royal Clarence Yard.
Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	There are many empty retail units and the area needs revitalising. Events and markets could be held in the open spaces and visitors to Gosport need to be made aware of its existence. Parking restrictions need to be clarified for visitors to the area.
North of the High Street	Area requires enhancement but parking provision close to the High Street should be retained for blue badge holders.
The High Street and associated areas	No comment.
South Street	Any residential development will need adequate parking provision and new infrastructure including locally accessible medical and educational facilities. It will increase traffic and congestion in the area and consequently air pollution. Green spaces, trees and leisure facilities should be incorporated into any plans. There are already empty retail units in the High Street and Royal Clarence Yard, has any research been done to prove that new retail units will be taken up? Parking which provides easy access to the High Street is required for the disabled.

Trinity Green area	<p>High density residential development of Church Path Car Park would detract from Trinity Church and Green. It would increase traffic and congestion and consequently air pollution in the area. Where would existing residents in the area who use the car park keep their vehicles? The Barclay House area could do with enhancing but the site still appears to be in use for temporary accommodation so where will people go if it is redeveloped for residential use? High density residential development would detract from the Trinity Church and Green area and the Vicarage. It would also cause traffic and parking problems in the area. The area between Barclay House and Harbour Tower should be kept as an open space and the block of garages retained for the use of local residents. Redevelopment for residential use would detract from the Trinity Green area and involve the loss of mature trees. The open area between Hammond Court and Harbour Tower should be retained and enhanced as a recreational area. Residential development is not appropriate, it would be overshadowed and overlooked by the tower blocks and would exacerbate traffic and parking problems. Area immediately west of Harbour Tower – comments as above. I believe there is a covenant in place covering parts of the area around Hammond and Blake Court and Barclay House which precludes development. Agree that area immediately east of Timespace should be retained as an open space. Area immediately east of Trinity Church grounds should be retained as an open space. Residential development in the area is sacrilege and would detract from Trinity Church and Green and the Vicarage and involve the loss of mature trees. It would increase traffic and parking problems in an already congested area and potentially cause access problems for emergency vehicles. Areas adjacent the Millennium Promenade are not appropriate for café/restaurant use which would detract from the attractiveness of the area. The area adjacent to Seaward Tower provides parking for residents of that block and also Watergate. There has always been a shortage of parking for residents of Seaward Tower and the loss of existing spaces would only exacerbate the problem. There is also public disabled parking on the site and it is the only place giving blue badge holders direct access to the waterfront. The micro-climate around the tower blocks which causes increased wind velocity is not conducive to outside catering. Residents of Seaward and Harbour Towers would be subject to environmental health nuisance, noise from ground level is magnified, cooking smells would rise and be unpleasant, and there would be increased litter in the area.</p>
Haslar Marina	No comment.
The Gosport Lines	Agree.
8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?	<p>I am extremely concerned about the proposals for development in the Trinity Green area. Trinity Green is an attractive heritage area which would be despoiled by such actions. The open spaces in this area are used for the successful Gosport Marine Festival and should be retained for that purpose and for other such events. There is already considerable air pollution in Gosport and as many trees and green spaces as possible should be retained, some could perhaps be better utilised for recreational purposes. I believe there is a covenant in place which precludes some of the proposed development in the area. The Millennium Promenade would not be enhanced by cafes/restaurants and should be retained as a pleasant area to sit or walk and enjoy the harbour views. As a resident of Seaward Tower I am concerned about the detrimental effect such development would have on my well being. Existing parking problems would be exacerbated, noise from ground level is magnified and together with cooking smells would pervade my home. The micro-climate around the tower blocks creates increased wind velocity which is not conducive to outside eating areas and would add to litter problems. I appreciate that surveys have been carried out but the potential loss of parking in the town is also a concern. If we wish to attract more visitors to Gosport some of the apparently currently under-utilised car parking will be required. Thought also needs to be given to the retention and provision of disabled parking which is close to the High Street and waterfront.</p>
9. Are there any other sites within the Waterfront and Town Centre area which have potential for development?	Fort Blockhouse will be available from 2020 I believe.
10. Please can you give any suggestions of what else the Council should consider to include in the final version of the SPD?	I believe many residents have communicated strong views about the proposals - please don't ignore them.
11. Please include any comments you may have	Increase the potential of the harbour location by making Gosport the base for water based trips and activities, for both pleasure and commuting purposes.
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