

Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation Draft

PLANNING SERVICES GOSPORT

29 SEP 2017

We are seeking your views on the Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre SPD which provides the planning framework for this part of the Borough.

A copy of the document is available on the Council's website:

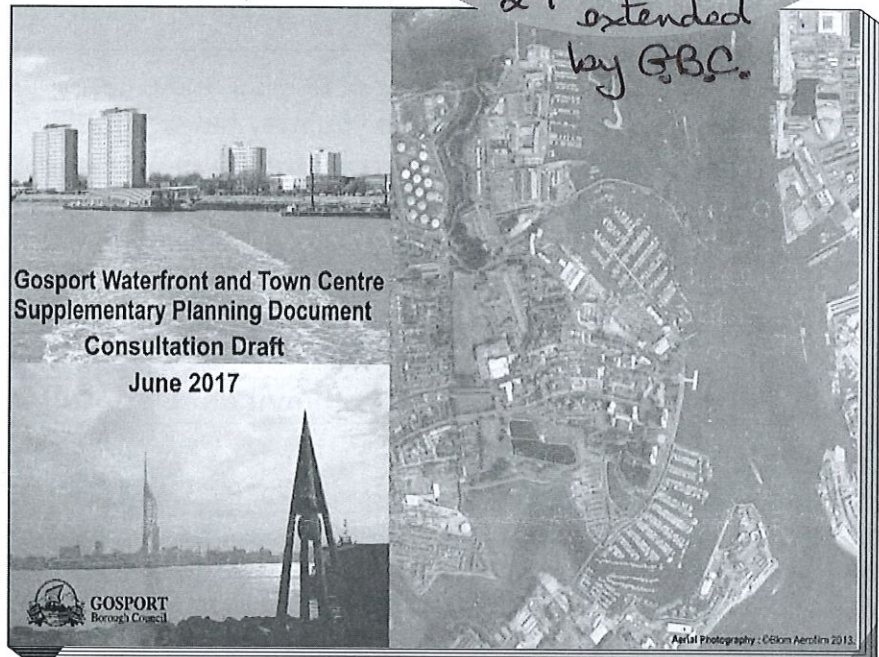
www.gosport.gov.uk/waterfrontspd

If you have any queries regarding the SPD or about making any representations please contact the Planning Policy Section at planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk or telephone **023 9254 5458**

The Comments Form is divided into sections to assist with structuring any comments you may have.

There is a section near the end of the Comments Form (Question 11) which can be used if you require additional space or make comments not covered by the questions included on the form.

Comments will need to be submitted to Gosport Borough Council by ~~19th~~ **29th** September 2017
extended by GBC.



Vision (page 5 of the SPD)

1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?

YES

Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Challenges (page 10 of the SPD)

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?)

I agree with the strengths noted in the SPD. Why not use the Gosport Badge of the Viking Ship to promote the Town?

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?)

Being a MOD Civil Servant is not a weakness it gives the Town a stability of monetary income and employment. If some householders have identified a fear of crime in the evenings why was the Police Station allowed to be closed?

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Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Challenges (page in SPD)

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?)

When the Developers of Royal Clarence Yard (RCY) held an open meeting many years ago I suggested the Site have an hotel, this was ignored. Why not have one now? RCY does not need more empty flats. Also, an hotel at Blockhouse (ex HMS Dolphin) to link up with the Submarine Museum.

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?)

Stop promoting more cafes and restaurants when there is the obesity and health problems in the Borough. Rejuvenate the existing and closed properties first. Keep fighting for HMS Sultan to remain open.

Themes (including the objectives, principles and examples given)

6. Please include any comments you may have regarding:

Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape (page 19 of the SPD)

NO HIGH RISE BLOCK OF FLATS AT THE BUS STATION THAT WOULD BE UGLY ON THE TOWNSCAPE. Any tall building would over shadow the Falkland Gardens and block the harbour views of existing properties. A tall building at the Bus Station would be a ludicrous landmark. This is our town and our home, not a Property Developers pot of gold.

Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities (page 26 of the SPD)

The more new employment in the Town the better. However, guard against companies that offer Zero hours contracts as there is no stability for the worker eg. Uber.

Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience (page 29 of the SPD)

Bring the Hampshire Farmers Market to the Town. Bring back the August Bank Holiday Music Festival in Walpole Park (this could be Bi Annual). If GBC wants a food and drink evening economy the Town will need a Police Station.

Theme D: Providing New Homes (page 32 of the SPD)

NO HIGH RISE BLOCK OF FLATS AT THE BUS STATION. Take great care with design of new homes at Trinity Church and Trinity Green. Some new blocks of flats could have Roof Gardens for their Residents - all room sizes to be fit for purpose and not small and claustrophobic with no space for the necessary furniture.

Theme E: Improving Accessibility (page 34 of the SPD)

The Lorry Park to remain where it is. To be correctly re-painted and spaced to hold the Commercial Vehicles which park in Clarence Road. Gosport Resident's Lories / Trucks to have Parking Permits and Visitors Lories to pay and display. All car park spaces to be re-painted and made wider and longer to reflect larger modern vehicles.

Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision (page 40 of the SPD)

The open spaces in the Town Centre are a big asset. But cyclists must give way to, and respect pedestrians. There are lots of near misses in the Pedestrianised High Street. Can Streetscene Contractors cope with more trees and landscaping? Other parts of the Borough have not been maintained for several years.

Themes (including the objectives, principles and examples given)

Please include any comments you may have regarding:

Theme G: Managing Flood Risk (page 44 of the SPD)

No more lower level car parking eg Crown Meadows. Because the Bus Station is in Flood Zone 3 do not build high rise block of flats. The Sewerage System will not cope. Plus thousands of extra people in the re-generation areas will require high amounts of fresh water. Has anyone contacted Portsmouth Water Company?

Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure (page 49 of the SPD)

More school and further education places for the larger population expected within this area. Also more Doctors and Dentists for the Residents. Water supply via Portsmouth Water Co. has been forgotten in this Infrastructure Section.

Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town (page 50 of the SPD)

NO MORE TAKE-AWAY FOOD LICENCES TO BE ISSUED. Urban trees are a good idea but do not plant in front of or close to domestic properties. Roots harm utilities and foundations and leaves block out sunlight. Homes to have room sizes which are fit for purpose.

Character Areas

7. Please include any comments you may have regarding the proposals for the Character areas (including: What else would you like to see? Additional opportunities? Issues not covered? Concerns or queries?)

The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens (page 55 of the SPD)

No tall building at the Bus Station. A future building must be limited to ground floor / first floor / second floor / nothing higher. The building could have a flat roof for public viewing of the harbour and Falkland Gardens.

Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road (page 60 of the SPD)

Do not move the Lorry Park. With separate entrance and exist positions it is safe for large vehicles to manoeuvre.

Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area (page 61 of the SPD)**North of the High Street** (page 64 of the SPD)**The High Street and associated areas** (page 67 of the SPD)

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South Street (page 70 of the SPD)

Do not build higher than neighbouring properties. Sunlight must be able to reach ground level at sometime during the daylight hours.

Trinity Green area (page 73 of the SPD)

Trinity Church must be treated with care and respect at all times

Haslar Marina (page 77 of the SPD)

The Gosport Lines (page 79 of the SPD)

Overall comments

8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?

MOST IMPORTANT. Gosport Borough Council is to retain sole ownership, in perpetuity, of all its properties. NO Development Company(s) or Partnership(s) with G.B.C. to have any part in the Title Deeds and ownership of any re-generated / refurbished property.

Please see Section 11.

9. Are there any other sites within the Waterfront and Town Centre area which have potential for development?

10. Please can you give any suggestions of what else the Council should consider to include in the final version of the SPD?

Any further comments?

11. Please include any comments you may have

continued from Section 8.

All of the properties owned by Gosport Borough Council belong to the people of Gosport and not to any future Company (s) Individual (s) Institutions (s) Corporate Group (s) Foreign Government (s) either National or Global.

The SPD frequently quotes "a landmark building" please lose the mind-set of high rise blocks of flats.

Gosport is not and should not eventually start to look like Hong Kong/Singapore/London/New York and owned by Russians - Chinese - Qatar as investment products.

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*More space available on the back page.

Contact details

12. Please could you complete your contact details.

Name:

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Organisation (if applicable):

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Postcode:

Email:

Data protection: Gosport Borough Council is registered under the Data Protection Act 1998. The information that you provide in completing this form will only be used by the Council in the development of Planning documents. Please note that private individuals will not be named when we report comments to the Council's Board. However hard copies of each comments form will be available for inspection at the Town Hall once the consultation period is completed (address, and e-mail details will be redacted).

Returning responses

Comments can either be sent to Deputy Head of Planning Services (Policy)
Gosport Borough Council
Town Hall
High Street
Gosport
PO12 1EB

or emailed to planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk**What happens next?**

All comments received will be reported to the relevant Council Board together with any proposed actions and/or amendments to the SPD as a result of the consultation process. The SPD will then be recommended for adoption and will become a key consideration when determining future planning applications. Future planning applications will also be subject to public consultation.

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Thank you for your comments.

Additional space for comments.

all short-stay visitor moorings to be accommodated within existing Mooring and keep the area of water to the south of the Ferry Pontoon empty.

Not too much architectural lighting in the Borough because we still have countrywide austerity and reduced Budgets from the Government.

at the northern end of the Falkland Gardens and subject to the landowners agreement, G.B.C. could commission a large mural of the Town Badge (the Viking Ship and motto) to cover the rough brick wall. To be made of Stainless Steel, Stained Glass and Tiles and made by the Apprentices of Defence Munitions, Fleetlands and HMS Sultan. This could be floodlit. This could be an exam piece for the Apprentices. This could be the landmark structure.

As the re-generation of Gosport progresses, why not advertise Gosport as a maritime and historic destination via British Rail? Where else can you start a week-end break with a Ferry Trip across a harbour?