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To: Planning Policy Internet
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Hi,

Here are my views on the proposed plans for the bus station.

The Falkland Gardens should be left alone, specially as the council has no money.

We still need a covered bus station in some capacity or will we be waiting in the rain as we did in the old days?

A tall tower block of flats is a no no in my opinion, there will be huge problems with parking, doctors, amenities etc. The police station I believe will become flats so why not use that instead. The roads of Gosport in and out are becoming more crowded by the day and is becoming more difficult to even drive down a road without having to stop a couple of times. We do not need additional vehicles on the roads.

It was suggested to me that a good cocktail bar/restaurant would be excellent as getting over to gunwharf to do this is too expensive and having one on our side of the water would be excellent.

A good cafe would be an excellent idea too.

I am totally against having pop up cafes etc on the area of the disabled parking. It is a wonderful area for the people who cannot walk very far to get some fresh air and meet people.

As for shops – we have a high street that is on its last legs with more shops shutting monthly and no one taking them on. As for the proposed building on the car parks it can only make the high street situation worse. There are about 12 businesses up for sale which does not bode well for our town.

We used to have such a vibrant town, I could always get everything I needed in Gosport but that is not the case now. I rarely make the journey into town as there are not the suitable shops that I need. We have too many coffee shops/cafes, I have no idea how they all keep going. Even charity shops are shutting down which is a definite worry. I know our town is much the same as other towns over the country and it would be a shame if they were all to go down hill to such an extent that no one goes to them. Older people who do not drive and have trouble getting around and do not use the internet will suffer most, especially as banks and post offices close. Could the larger shops that are empty i.e. the old post office and the ex Twenty One shop be indoor markets so that normal people could sell their wares and give us more choice of things to buy. We cannot buy craft items, haberdashery, fruit and veg, meat and fish. Not everyone likes supermarkets and if you live alone it is hard to get things just for one.

I hope my views are of use to you.

Thanks for reading this.