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1.0 INTRODUCTION

National Guidance

- 1.1 The Borough Council has published this Consultation Statement (the Statement) in accordance with Regulation 24 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008. It has been published alongside the pre-submission version of the Core Strategy and demonstrates that consultation has taken place in line with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (July 2007). A separate statement will be published demonstrating how consultation on the Pre Submission Core Strategy was undertaken.
- 1.2 Taking these statutory requirements into account, this Statement will show how the Council has met and expanded upon the minimum requirements for consultation on its Core Strategy through to the submission stage. Part 1 of the Statement details consultation undertaken for the Core Strategy Issues and Options with Part 2 detailing that undertaken for the Core Strategy Preferred Options. Both the Issues and Options and Preferred Options of the Core Strategy have been published for the Regulation 25 stage. This Statement either sets out or provides a signpost the following information:
- ***The bodies and persons invited to make representations on the Core Strategy: Issues and Options and Preferred Options publications under Regulation 25;***
 - ***How these bodies and other persons were invited to make such representations;***
 - ***A summary of the main issues raised by those representations; and***
 - ***How those main issues raised have been addressed in the Core Strategy.***

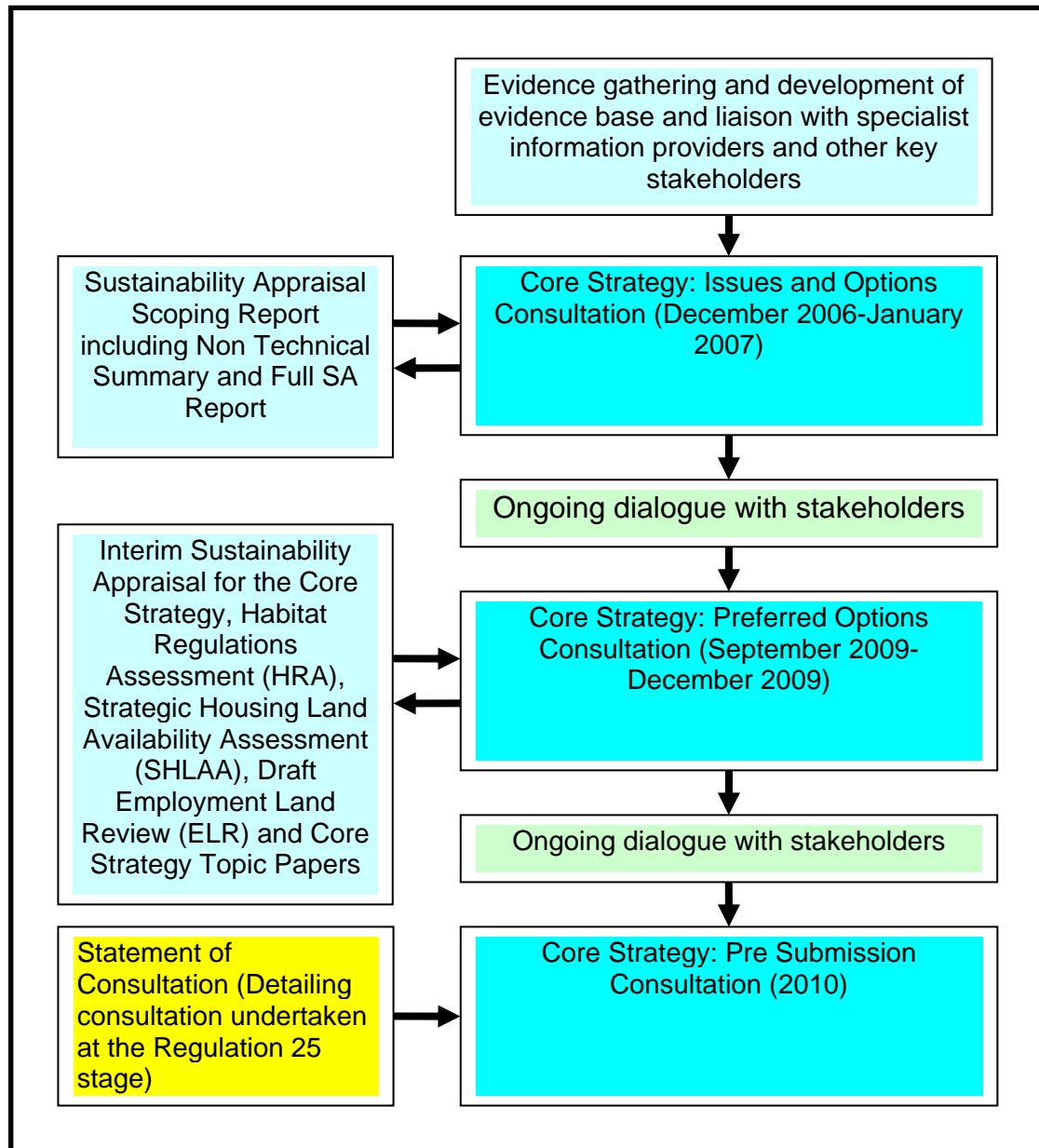
Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

- 1.3 The importance of increasing participation during plan making preparation and for producing a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is stated in PPS12 'Local Spatial Planning' (2008) and in the previous publication of PPS12: Local Development Frameworks (2004). The Council's SCI was prepared in line with the regulations in force at that time and was adopted in July 2007. Full details of the Council's adopted SCI can be accessed at <http://www.gosport.gov.uk/ldf>. This Statement provides details of the consultation undertaken to date with key stakeholders and organisations (both statutory and non-statutory) and local community groups and individuals in preparing the Core Strategy.
- 1.4 A contacts database is regularly updated and maintained in accordance with consultees listed within the Council's adopted SCI. These contacts were all consulted on the publication of the Core Strategy: Issues and Options document and asked if they wanted to be consulted on further stages of the Core Strategy.

Stages of Consultation

- 1.5 Figure 1 summarises the stages of consultation undertaken for the Core Strategy at each stage in its preparation. Although these stages identify set periods of consultation, it is important to note that there was ongoing dialogue and engagement with key stakeholders and individuals throughout the process.

Figure 1: Summary of Core Strategy Consultation Process alongside the Supporting Evidence Studies and Sustainability Appraisal



2.0 CORE STRATEGY: ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

- 2.1 The Core Strategy was initially prepared as an Issues and Options document in line with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Development)(England) Regulations 2004. The aim of this stage was to engage public and stakeholder views and to invite feedback on the issues and options identified so that a preferred approach along with alternative options could be developed.
- 2.2 An informal six week consultation period for the Core Strategy: Issues and Options DPD took place between 2nd January and 12th February 2007. The flexibility of the Regulation 25 stage allowed the Council to extend this six week consultation period so that members of the public and stakeholders were given as much time as possible to respond. Respondents were given the option of returning the questionnaire by post, letter or electronically via email. A total of 57 questionnaires were returned.
- 2.3 The flexible consultation arrangements under the Regulation 25 stage also meant that the Core Strategy: Issues and Options document and accompanying questionnaire could be downloaded from the Council's website in December 2006, prior to the commencement of the informal six week consultation period. This allowed for consultation to be frontloaded and co-ordinated with the Gosport Partnership (the Local Strategic Partnership for Gosport) who were consulting on a revision to the Sustainable Community Strategy.

Co-ordinating the Core Strategy: Issues and Options Consultation alongside the Sustainable Community Strategy Consultation

- 2.4 The Council jointly consulted on the Core Strategy Issues and Options and the revision to the Sustainable Community Strategy through the 'Make your Mark' Vision Fair events.
- 2.5 A number of 'Make Your Mark' Vision Fair events were held throughout December 2006 for the benefit of the local community in various locations within the Borough. These enabled participants to explore the Core Strategy: Issues and Options in greater depth. A 'Make Your Mark' Vision Fair event was also held with Gosport Youth Council.
- 2.6 This joint consultation with the Gosport Partnership was considered to be an overriding success with a total of 1,255 completed 'Make Your Mark' questionnaires completed and returned, 101 of which were submitted online. Along with the Core Strategy questionnaire responses, this consultation also helped to shape the content of the Core Strategy. Published articles demonstrating joint consultation on the Core Strategy and Sustainable Community Strategy are included in Appendix 1. A copy of the response form and an analysis of the responses is provided in Appendix 2.

Core Strategy: Issues and Options Consultation Methods

- 2.7 In accordance with its adopted SCI (July 2007), the Council made use of the following methods of consultation in preparing its Core Strategy: Issues and Options:

Core Strategy: Issues and Options Questionnaire

- 2.8 Copies of the Core Strategy: Issues and Options questionnaire accompanied the publication of the Core Strategy: Issues and Options document (see Appendix 3). Together, these were made available at the Council Offices, Gosport Discovery Centre and the other three County Council run libraries located within the Borough. The Issues and Options document and questionnaire were also published online on the Council website: www.gosport.gov.uk/ldf.

Core Strategy Summary Leaflets

- 2.9 Summary leaflets were made available to raise awareness of the Issues and Options consultation (see Appendix 4). These were deposited at the Council Offices, Gosport Discovery Centre and the other three County Council run libraries. Copies of the leaflets were also deposited at other specifically targeted locations such as in local shops (i.e. Morrisons, the Post Office and charity shops within Gosport town centre), Holbrook Leisure Centre, Royal Hospital Haslar, Gosport War Memorial Hospital and at various doctors surgeries.

Consultation Letters

- 2.10 Consultation letters providing a web link to the Core Strategy: Issues and Options were sent to statutory and key stakeholders and to all other local community groups and individuals who were identified during the SCI process. Appendix 5 indicates the range of organisations contacted. Hard copies of the Issues and Options document and questionnaire were also posted to specific consultation bodies and other key stakeholders on request.

Sustainability Appraisal

- 2.11 In advance of the publication of the Issues and Options report, the Council also wrote to the four key environmental bodies in October 2006 on the draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report which included English Nature¹, the Countryside Agency¹, English Heritage and the Environment Agency. All stakeholders and individuals were consulted on the final version of the Scoping Report with the relevant statutory consultees sent a full copy. The Scoping Report was also published on the Council website along with the full Sustainability Appraisal Report and Non-Technical Summary and can be viewed on the following web link <http://www.gosport.gov.uk/sustainability-appraisal/>. Each of these were also made available at the Council Offices, Gosport Discovery Centre and the three County Council run libraries located within the Borough as part of the consultation.

Meetings

- 2.12 One to one meetings and continual dialogue took place throughout the period leading up to the publication of the Core Strategy: Issues and Options with key local stakeholders and other organisations including schools and community groups. Further information is provided within Appendix 6.

Exhibition Boards

- 2.13 Exhibition boards for the Core Strategy: Issues and Options and Sustainable Community Strategy 'Make Your Mark' Vision Fair Events were displayed within the Council Offices, Gosport Discovery Centre and the other three libraries. The following Hampshire County Council run libraries were used for the six week period which commenced on 2nd January and ended 12th February 2007:

¹ English Nature ceased to exist in October 2006. It was integrated with parts of both the Rural Development Service and the Countryside Agency from 1 October 2006, to form a new body called Natural England.

- Gosport Discovery Centre (via the Gosport Local Studies Centre);
- Bridgemary Library;
- Elson Library; and
- Lee-on-the-Solent Library.

2.14 During this time, Elson Library was closed for refurbishment until Thursday 4th January. Bridgemary Library was also closed for refurbishment works from Friday 26th January onwards through the remaining part of the six week consultation period. The Council did not make any alternative arrangements as a result of these closures with the exhibitions still being displayed within the other libraries within the Borough.

Posters

2.15 Posters raising awareness of the 'Make Your Mark' Vision Fair Events were displayed on community notice boards around the Borough. These further helped in raising overall awareness of the Core Strategy: Issues and Options consultation.

Newsletters and Invitations

2.16 An Article on the Core Strategy: Issues and Options consultation was published in the Council's Coastline publication and circulated to 35,500 homes within the Borough.

2.17 An Article on the 'Make Your Mark' Vision Fair Events and the Core Strategy: Issues and Options consultation was also included in the Council's Business Newsletter publication (GBC Autumn 2006).

Members Involvement

2.18 Councillors were invited via the Transportation and Planning Sub Board and Members Information Bulletin to attend the 'Make Your Mark' Vision Fair Special Preview Event held within the Council Chamber on 1st December 2006.

Press Coverage

2.19 Articles in the local press providing information on the Core Strategy: Issues and Options consultation were published in The Portsmouth Evening News and the Fareham and Gosport Journal. The following articles were also published online on the Portsmouth Evening News website.

The Portsmouth Evening News

- 23/11/06 - detailing campaign with photos.
- 28/11/06 - LDF article with photos.
- 6/12/06 - Town Hall event update with photos.

The Journal

- 30/11/06 – summary version of Evening News Article 28/11/06.

No website available.

The publication of the Core Strategy: Issues and Options was also advertised on the Go Gosport website: <http://go-gosport.co.uk/home/>.

Radio Interviews

- 2.20 The Head of Planning Policy gave an in-depth radio interview on Express FM about the Core Strategy: Issues and Options consultation. Information on the consultation dates and co-ordination with the Sustainable Community Strategy consultation were broadcast. The interview was recorded at 1pm on Thursday 30th November and aired at 10am on Friday 1st December 2006. In addition, daily bulletins were aired giving the time and dates of the 'Make Your Mark' Vision Fair Events.
- 2.21 A radio interview on the Sustainable Community Strategy consultation was recorded with an officer from the Corporate Policy Section and broadcast on Radio Haslar on 8th December 2006.

Core Strategy: Issues and Options – Specific Responses to Consultation

- 2.22 As part of the Core Strategy: Issues and Options consultation, a total of 298 hits were made to the Core Strategy web pages on the Borough Council website between November 29th 2006 and 12th February 2007. There were 57 written responses to the Core Strategy: Issues and Options from a range of stakeholders and the wider general public. These responses were made directly through the Core Strategy questionnaire, by letter and by email. Furthermore, 1,255 questionnaires were returned a result of the 'Make Your Mark' consultation. Further details on these responses are included in Appendix 2.

Main Issues raised through the Core Strategy: Issues and Options Consultation

- 2.23 The Council considered all the representations made on the Core Strategy Issues and Options document and these are summarised in Appendix 7.

3.0 CORE STRATEGY: PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION

3.1 The Draft Core Strategy: Preferred Options has been prepared in line with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 as amended by the 2008 and 2009 Regulations. The Draft Core Strategy: Preferred Options took account of the consultation that was undertaken at the Issues and Options stage.

3.2 The Council published a series of Topic Papers which demonstrate how responses arising from the Issues and Options consultation to future development options have been addressed. These Topic Papers have helped to inform the initial spatial development options and the emerging policies of the Core Strategy and are listed below. They are also available to view on the Council website on www.gosport.gov.uk/ldf.

Topic Papers Published Alongside the Core Strategy: Preferred Options

3.3 The following list of Topic Papers were published alongside the Core Strategy: Preferred Options:

- Biodiversity;
- Built heritage;
- Design;
- Employment;
- Flood Risk and coastal Erosion;
- Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople;
- Housing;
- Open Space/Green Infrastructure;
- Retail and Community Facilities;
- Spatial Strategy;
- Sustainable Development and Climate Change; and
- Transport and Accessibility.

3.4 The aim of Preferred Options stage of the Core Strategy consultation has been to obtain further consultation feedback and to test the Council's preferred approach for the identified Strategic Sites and thematic policies. A consultation period for the Core Strategy Preferred Options DPD took place between 5th October and 4th December 2009.

3.5 The Core Strategy: Preferred Options DPD and response form were uploaded onto the Council's website during September 2009. As with the Core Strategy: Issues and Options consultation, the Council has been able to be flexible with its approach to consultation under Regulation 25. The initial six week consultation period which was scheduled between 5th October and 5th November was extended to 4th December due to disruptions in the postal service. This allowed members of the public and stakeholders as much time as possible to respond.

3.6 The Council also accepted response forms by post, letter or electronically by email after the advertised consultation period. Further dialogue and engagement also continued with stakeholders in the period between the publication of the Core Strategy Issues and Options and Preferred Options. These consultation arrangements undertaken for the Core Strategy: Preferred Options further

demonstrated the Council's positive approach to community involvement and empowerment at the Regulation 25 Stage of the consultation process.

Core Strategy: Preferred Options Consultation Methods

- 3.7 In accordance with its adopted SCI (July 2007), the Council applied a number of methods of consultation in preparing its Core Strategy: Preferred Options:

Core Strategy: Preferred Options Response Form

- 3.8 Copies of the Core Strategy: Preferred Options and accompanying response form were published (see Appendix 8). These documents were made available at the Council Offices, Gosport Discovery Centre and the other three County Council run libraries located within the Borough. The Preferred Options document and response form were also published online on the Council website: www.gosport.gov.uk/ldf.
- 3.9 The response form also included a monitoring sheet which asked for specific information of the respondents such as gender, age on last birthday, details of any illness, disability and/or infirmity and ethnicity.

Core Strategy: Summary Leaflets

- 3.10 Summary leaflets were made available to raise awareness of the Preferred Options consultation (see Appendices 9 and 10). These were deposited at the Council Offices, Gosport Discovery Centre and the other three County Council run libraries. These were also displayed on notice boards throughout the Borough.

Consultation Letters

- 3.11 Consultation letters on the Core Strategy: Preferred Options were sent to statutory and key stakeholders. These were also sent out to a range of other local community groups and individuals that had expressed an interest after the Issues and Options consultation to be consulted on the Preferred Options document. Appendix 11 indicates the range of organisations contacted. Hard copies of the Preferred Options document and response form were also posted to statutory consultees and to other key stakeholders on request.
- 3.12 All key stakeholders and individuals were also made aware of the publication of the Topic Papers, Interim Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment and the draft Employment Land Review. Each of these were published alongside the Core Strategy: Preferred Options with details of the consultation undertaken for these included on the following pages of this Statement. Each of these publications support the Core Strategy: Preferred Options and were made available for comment at the Council Offices, Gosport Discovery Centre and the other three County Council run libraries located within the Borough during the consultation period. These were also published on the Borough Council website; www.gosport.gov.uk.

Meetings

- 3.13 One to one meetings and ongoing dialogue continued to take place throughout the period leading up to the publication of the Core Strategy: Preferred Options with key local stakeholders and other organisations including schools and community groups. Further information is included in Appendices 12 and 13.

Exhibition Boards

- 3.14 Exhibitions boards for the Core Strategy: Preferred Options were displayed within the main reception in Gosport Town Hall, Gosport Discovery Centre and the other three libraries.
- 3.15 The Hampshire County Council run libraries were also used for the Core Strategy: Preferred Options consultation. Table 1 shows the dates and times when Planning Policy Section staff were available to assist with queries relating to the consultation.

Table 1: Core Strategy: Preferred Options Consultation

| Location | Exhibition Board Display Dates | Exhibition Board Consultation with Officers Present |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| Gosport Local Studies Centre | 19 th – 30 th October (extended until 6 th November) | 20 th October (10am-12pm) 21 st October (5.30pm-7pm) 23 rd October (10am-12pm) 24 th October (10am-12pm) |
| Bridgemary Library | 5 th October – 16 th October 2009 (Tues/Sat am only. Closed Wednesdays) | 13 th October (10am-12pm) 16 th October (10am-12pm) |
| Elson Library | 2 nd November – 13 th November (Mon/Sat am only. Closed Wednesdays) | 3 rd November (10am-12pm) 5 th November (10am-12pm) |
| Lee-on-the-Solent Library | 12 th October -23 rd October (Mon/Fri/Sat am only. Closed Wednesdays) | 13 th October (10am-12pm) 15 th October (10am-12pm) 17 th October (10am-12pm) |

Posters

- 3.16 Posters raising awareness of the 'Core Strategy: Preferred Options' consultation were displayed on community notice boards around the Borough.

Press Coverage

- 3.17 An article in the local press providing information on the Core Strategy: Preferred Options consultation was published in The Portsmouth Evening News on 2nd October 2009. This was also published online on the Portsmouth Evening News website.

Regeneration Areas Consultation

- 3.18 The Core Strategy: Preferred Options has identified a number of 'Regeneration Areas' which are areas of change that will shape the future of Gosport. Additional consultation undertaken on these has helped to shape the policies in the Core Strategy.

Rowner

3.19 A considerable amount of consultation has taken place in respect of the future of the Rowner estate. Details of this consultation and the results are included in the Rowner Renewal Gosport Statement of Community Involvement (Rowner Renewal Partnership January 2009). A range of consultation methods have been used which have helped to inform the initial spatial development options and the resulting Core Strategy suggested policy for Rowner including:

- Public drop in sessions;
- Neighbourhood meetings;
- Meeting with centre manager;
- Workshops;
- Presentations;
- Feedback sessions;
- Newsletters;
- Flyers;
- Press releases;
- Individual invite letters to stakeholders about consultation events; and
- Posters on community notice boards.

3.20 Further details of the consultation undertaken in respect of the Rowner Regeneration is included in the Rowner Renewal Gosport Statement of Community Involvement (Rowner Renewal Partnership January 2009). This can also be viewed on the Rowner Renewal website via the following web link; <http://www.rownerrenewal.com/index.html>.

Daedalus

3.21 The Daedalus site has already been subject to previous consultation in respect of being identified as a mixed-use site as part of progressing the Gosport Local Plan Review to adoption. The area within the Gosport Borough boundary was acquired by the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) in 2006 to provide a unique and exciting opportunity for a sustainable, high quality mixed-use development with potentially far-reaching benefits for the Solent area. A Supplementary Planning Document including a Masterplan will be published in due course for consultation.

3.22 A significant amount of wide ranging consultation has been undertaken by Groundwork Solent on behalf of SEEDA and has included the following:

- Newsletters;
- Daedalus Visionary Framework;
- Baseline and Scoping Reports;
- Initial Masterplan concepts;
- Community Consultation Strategy;
- Phase 1 Community Consultation;
- Phase 2 Community Consultation including Business Consultation;
- Phase 3 Community Consultation Masterplan concepts; and
- Phase 4 Visionary Framework Consultation.

3.23 Further details of the consultation undertaken in respect of the regeneration of Daedalus can be viewed on the SEEDA website via the following web link; <http://www.daedalus-seeda.co.uk/site/seeda/home>.

Haslar

- 3.24 A three day Enquiry by Design (EbD) workshop was held in November 2008 and facilitated by a multi-disciplinary design team from the Princes Regeneration Trust. The emphasis of this consultation focused on the involvement of key stakeholders with an interest in the future of Haslar in shaping a vision for the future of the site. It was an intensive design process where every issue was tested by being drawn. The EbD process resulted in the publication of an EbD Workshop Report which has helped to inform the initial spatial development options and the resulting Core Strategy suggested policy for Haslar.
- 3.25 The EbD process was not just a means of informing the community about a planned development but actively engages it in the planning and design of their community, helping build up the confidence and collective enthusiasm to allow the vision to be taken forward after the workshop has been completed.

Gosport Waterfront

- 3.26 This site was identified as an area for change during the 'Make Your Mark' consultation events and was also subject to previous consultation in being identified as a mixed-use site as part of progressing the Gosport Local Plan Review to adoption. A number of meetings have been held with representatives of key landowners of the Gosport Waterfront site. This has helped with developing the preferred options for Gosport Waterfront.
- 3.27 Consultants have been engaged to prepare a Masterplan for Gosport Waterfront and public consultation on key issues and potential uses took place in March 2010. This consultation has helped to further inform the Core Strategy. It will also inform the preparation of a Supplementary Planning Document at a later stage which will also be subject to public consultation on its draft publication.

Alver Valley

- 3.28 The Alver Valley Masterplan (GBC, Groundwork Solent & H/E/D 2003) was subject to significant detailed public consultation with residents, particularly those living adjacent the site in Rowner and Lee-on-the-Solent and supported the idea of a country park in the Alver Valley. A Regulation 3 outline planning application was approved in 2005 for the redevelopment of the Alver Valley for recreational purposes therefore allowing further opportunities for the public to provide any consultation feedback. The Masterplan will be revised due to the planning consent which was granted to Portsmouth Football Club in 2008 for developing the northern section of the Alver Valley with training facilities. The revised Masterplan will be subject to public consultation.

Evidence Studies

- 3.29 Consultation has also been undertaken on some of the evidence studies which have been published as background evidence for the emerging Core Strategy. Details on these are included below:

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)

- 3.30 Comments on the draft methodology were sought from key stakeholders in Stage 1 of the Assessment in March 2008. Site allocation questionnaires were sent out to landowners and their agents, developers and other interested parties listed on the LDF database in addition to those stakeholders previously consulted on the draft SHLAA methodology. Further to this, the Borough Council invited stakeholders to put forward sites for consideration in respect of evidence gathering for the Site Allocations and Delivery DPD in May 2008. Stakeholders were able to put forward

sites for a variety of land uses including housing, employment and retail. Sites that were put forward for housing in this consultation were assessed as part of developing the SHLAA. Subsequent updates are provided in the Council's Annual Monitoring Report.

- 3.31 Consultation on the Draft SHLAA was carried out in July 2009. Over 100 key stakeholders were consulted including house builders, consultants, housing associations, residents associations, service providers and environmental organisations. The draft SHLAA was published on the Borough Council website with hard copies also being made available in the Gosport Discovery Centre and the three other Hampshire County Council run libraries within the Borough. The draft SHLAA included an Appendix which set out the comments made by consultees and the responses of the Borough Council to these comments along with any identified actions. These resulted in some changes being made to the final version of the SHLAA which was published in September 2009.

Employment Land Review (ELR)

- 3.32 This key evidence study was published alongside the Core Strategy: Preferred Options and subject to public consultation between 5th October and up to an extended period up to 4th December 2009 due to disruptions in the postal service. Meetings with the Gosport Business Forum and the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Chamber of Commerce also informed these key stakeholders of this consultation. Stakeholders were also informed on the publication of the ELR in their Core Strategy: Preferred Options consultation notification letters. These also included the following web link to the document; www.gosport.gov.uk/elr.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)

- 3.33 The Interim Sustainability Appraisal for the Core Strategy (September 2009) was also published as part of the Preferred Options consultation and considered the significant social, economic and environmental effects that could arise. Copies of the SA were made available on the Borough Council website on www.gosport.gov.uk/sustainability-appraisal with hard copies being made available in the three Hampshire County Council run libraries and the Planning reception within the Town Hall.
- 3.34 A Screening Report for the Habitats Regulation Assessment and its Appendices was also published online as part of the Core Strategy: Preferred Options consultation. This was also available to view online only on the following web link to the Borough Council website: <http://www.gosport.gov.uk/sections/your-council/council-services/planning-section/local-development-framework/core-strategy/habitats-regulation-assessment/>

Core Strategy: Preferred Options – Responses to Consultation

- 3.35 A total of 742 hits were made to the Core Strategy pages between October 5th and 4th December 2009. There were 48 written responses to the Core Strategy: Preferred Options consultation from a range of stakeholders and the wider public. These responses were made directly through the Core Strategy response form, by letter and by email.

Main Issues raised through the Core Strategy: Preferred Options Consultation

3.36 The Council considered all the representations made on the Core Strategy Preferred Options document and these are summarised in Appendix 14.

APPENDIX 1

PUBLISHED ARTICLES FOR THE CORE STRATEGY: ISSUES AND OPTIONS AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

Article in Coastline for Core Strategy: Issues and Options

• What do you think of Gosport? The Vision for Gosport 2026

Bored of Christmas shopping? Then take a break, enjoy a cup of tea and a festive mince pie and, give us your views on what makes Gosport special.

What kind of place do **you** want Gosport to be by the year 2026? Well, Gosport's Local Strategic Partnership – the Gosport Partnership – is inviting you to **make your mark** on Gosport's future. We want your opinion on how to improve *community safety, transport congestion, access to health services, the environment and housing and development.*

Your views will not only help us shape a vision of how the whole community would like Gosport to be by the year 2026, but the vision itself will influence the way local services are designed and delivered.

The Vision for Gosport 2026 Consultation kicks off with two events at the Town Hall on **Saturday 2** and **Tuesday 5**

December. Pop into the Council Chamber for a break from shopping anytime between 10am and 3pm. You can look at the displays, chat with staff from various organisations and enjoy some refreshment whilst giving us your views.

If you miss the Town Hall meetings, don't worry, we're taking the consultation out on the road to a location near you. Venues and dates are available at www.gosport.gov.uk or for more information **Tel: (023) 9254 5280.**

Alternatively, submit your views online using the survey form on the website or, paper copies are available from the number above.

Gosport is a special place, but between us we can make it even better.

So come on, **make your mark** on Gosport's future. We're waiting to hear from you.

Article in Business Information Newsletter for Core Strategy: Issues and Options

Make Your Mark on Gosport's Future

What kind of place do you want Gosport to be? That's what the Gosport Partnership is hoping to find out from people who live, work and visit the Borough during its public consultation campaign in December.

The Partnership is launching its "Make Your Mark" campaign with two public events at the Town Hall on Saturday, 2nd December and again on Tuesday 5th December, both from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

A range of people from key public and voluntary organisations will be on hand to hear local views and suggestions about community safety, health, transport, housing, employment, environment and development issues. These responses will help the Partnership focus its resources and shape the way local services are designed and delivered through its Community Strategy and the Local Development Plan.

People can take a short break from the hustle and bustle outside to consider some displays of thought-provoking issues, make their mark on what they think should be done, ask questions of local service providers and planners and enter a prize draw to win some handy vouchers in time for Christmas.

For anyone not able to come to the Town Hall on the 2nd or 5th December, the consultation will be going out and about across the Borough to community venues and local shopping areas during December to invite as many people as possible to make their mark on Gosport's future.

For more information about community dates and venues, look on www.gosport.gov.uk or call 023 9254 5280. People are also welcome to submit their views online using the survey form on the above website or call to have a paper survey posted to them.

APPENDIX 2

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK MAKE YOUR MARK DECEMBER 2006 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION RESULTS

BACKGROUND

In December 2006, Gosport's Local Strategic Partnership, the Gosport Partnership, in conjunction with Gosport Borough Council's Planning Policy Section undertook a borough-wide public consultation to inform local services and set the direction for the preparation of the refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and the Core Strategy. The Gosport Partnership and Gosport Borough Council's Planning Policy Section had already jointly compiled a data baseline for the Borough which would be the evidence base for both the SCS and the LDF. This evidence base provided the basis on which issues particular to Gosport were selected to feature on the Hot Topic Boards.

In order to undertake such a joint approach to consultation, the Council made a decision to merge the consultation periods for both the Sustainable Community Strategy and Core Strategy: Issues and Options. This was achieved by bringing forward the consultation period for the Sustainable Community Strategy and by moving the Core Strategy: Issues and Options consultation period back to a later date. The February 2005 Local Development Scheme was replaced with the March 2007 Local Development Scheme in order to reflect the revised milestone dates for consultation. This approach to consultation under Regulation 25 demonstrates how the Council has been innovative and flexible towards consultation arrangements undertaken at this stage. This joined up approach to consultation has been effective in maximising the best use of available staff resources and in helping to minimise unnecessary consultation fatigue for stakeholders.

It was considered that a series of Vision Fairs would be a good approach in order to reach the community. They were an important mechanism in allowing consultation to be frontloaded prior to the 6 week consultation period that took place between 2nd January and 12th February 2007 with members of the public and key stakeholders being able to make representations at the earliest possible stage in the process via the consultation takeaway packs which were handed out. This approach was considered to be successful due to the high number of responses received. This approach also enabled some of the hard to reach groups to be included in the consultation process.

Consultation

The consultation was well publicised to the public and other key stakeholders as detailed within this Statement. All partners of the Gosport Partnership (including subgroups) were invited personally.

Promotion of Vision Fairs

A graphic design company were appointed to produce the Vision Boards, straplines and promotional material. The overall campaign was attractively marketed as 'make your mark'.

The Portsmouth Evening News were invited to an exclusive press briefing which resulted in good coverage in the main local press. Press releases were subsequently issued and radio stations contacted.

Invitation letters/emails were sent from the Chairman of the LSP to:

- LSP Board;
- LSP Sub Group Members;
- Key partners agencies (for distribution within their own organisations);
- Community and Voluntary Sector Groups;
- Vision 4 Lee Group; and
- Organisations that have a strong link to young people (e.g. Connections and schools) for promotion amongst young people.

Posters and flyers were distributed to/displayed at:

- Gosport Town Hall main display in reception area;
- Gosport Post Office;
- Shops in Gosport High Street;
- Shops near to the 'coming to you' venues;
- Discovery Centre;
- Gosport Voluntary Action;
- Groundworks (including via the November Business Conference);
- Gosport Youth Concern (including via the November meeting);
- Thorngate Halls;
- Holbrook Leisure; and
- Primary Care Trust.

Newsletters were also used to promote the events:

- Coastline (Gosport Borough Council's publication delivered to every household in the Borough);
- Hampshire NHS South East 'Catch Up' (dated 24/11/06); and
- Business Forum Newsletter (November 2006).

Press coverage was obtained:

- The Evening News
 - 23/11/06 detailing campaign with photos;
 - 28/11/06 LDF article with photos;
 - 6/12/06 Town Hall Event update with photos;
 - The Journal; and
 - 30/11/06 – summary version of Evening News Article 28/11.

Radio coverage was obtained:

- Radio Haslar (interview with Principal Policy Officer aired 8th December 2006); and
- Express FM (20 minute interview with Head of Planning Policy regarding the Core Strategy Issues and Options and the Vision Fair Consultation Events aired 1st December 2006). In addition to this daily bulletins were broadcast giving the time and dates of the Vision Events.

A prize draw incentive was offered to increase survey return figures. The main events were made visually attractive and free refreshments, mince pies and 'partners organisation freebies' were offered to encourage attendance.

Furthermore, the consultation was also available online throughout December and January.

The consultation was launched with two events in the Town Hall – one held on Saturday 2 December and the other on Tuesday 5 December. Both events were extremely well attended with queues of people forming on the Saturday and the doors opened earlier than advertised. The consultation was then taken around the borough to the following venues via a series of Vision Fair events during December 2006. The schedule for where these were held is shown in the following Vision Fair Event Schedule table;

Vision Fair Event Schedule

| Vision Fair Event Venue/Location | Date held |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Sure Start Rowner | 7 th December 2006 |
| Holbrook Leisure Centre | 8 th and 13 th December 2006 |
| Thorngate Halls | 14 th December 2006 |
| Youth Council | 6 th December 2006 |
| Lee-on-the-Solent seafront | 10 th December 2006 |
| Nobes Avenue shops | 12 th December 2006 |
| The Range | 11 th December 2006 |
| Asda | 15 th December 2006 |

The consultation was split into two sections – a written questionnaire and voting on Hot Topic Boards. 1,255 completed questionnaires were received, 101 of which were submitted online. The questionnaire centred on services, asking questions on Homes; Safer Communities; the Environment; and Health. The Hot Topic Boards covered the following issues which are of particular concern in Gosport – Local jobs; Transport; Homes; Gosport's Harbour Waterfront. On these boards, people were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with the overall proposal and then asked to prioritise actions. There was also a board called 'What Makes Gosport Special' on which people were invited to post their comments.

A Local Development Framework Vision Board staffed by officers from the Planning Policy Section provided an opportunity for members of the public to enquire further about the Local Development Framework and the Core Strategy: Issues and Options consultation. Staff took the opportunity to explain the broad concepts behind the Core Strategy: Issues and Options and how more detailed responses to the consultation could be made. Members of the public and stakeholders were also added to the Local Development Framework consultation contacts database on request.

As well as including the Vision Board questions which required respondents to mark tick boxes on their preferred development options on the printed document format, the consultation takeaway packs also included summary leaflets on the Core Strategy: Issues and Options consultation. The summary leaflets included information on why the Council was undertaking its Core Strategy: Issues and Options consultation and the main issues involved. Information on the consultation dates and where the Core Strategy: Issues and Options document could be viewed was also included in the summary leaflets. A copy of the Core Strategy: Issues and Options summary leaflet is included in Appendix 5.

Consultation responses to the Make Your Mark Vision Fair events via the voting display boards, takeaway packs and online versions of the survey have all fed into the preparation of the emerging policies for the Core Strategy.

Analysis of Responses to Vision Fair Consultation

Make your Mark survey results by question

About Where We Live...

HOME LOCATION

If you were choosing a location for a new home, which would be important to be near? Please rank the following choices with 1 being the most important to you.

| | | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|-------|
| 1 st | Close to shops | 1594 ² | 21.9% |
| 2 nd | Close to open spaces/sea | 1324 | 18.2% |
| 3 rd | Close to health facilities | 1158 | 15.9% |
| 4 th | Close to public transport | 1099 | 15.1% |
| 5 th | Close to job | 870 | 11.9% |
| 6 th | Close to schools/ play groups | 732 | 10.0% |
| 7 th | Close to leisure facilities | 451 | 6.2% |
| 8 th | Your suggestion ³ Key themes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport (improving access in and out of Gosport) • Better facilities (cinema, restaurants, leisure) • Access of health facilities (keep Haslar open) | 64 | 0.9% |

HOME FEATURES

If you were choosing a newly built house, which of the following features would be important to you? Please rank the following choices with 1 being the most important to you.

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|------|-------|
| 1 st | Location | 2014 | 27.1% |
| 2 nd | Energy efficiency | 1320 | 17.8% |
| 3 rd | Size of house | 1201 | 16.2% |
| 4 th | Parking for vehicles | 1071 | 14.4% |
| 5 th | Garden space | 961 | 12.9% |
| 6 th | Layout of house | 646 | 8.7% |
| 7 th | Exterior design/style fitting with local area | 183 | 2.5% |
| 8 th | Your suggestion Key themes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location (access to facilities, green spaces, coast) • Parking • Energy efficiency | 32 | 0.4% |

² The totals for the first four questions are greater than the number of consultees due to the scoring methodology applied as outlined in Appendix A. Dividing each total by three will give the true number of responses.

³ In addition to prioritising the set choices, consultees were also given the opportunity to add suggestions of their own. This qualitative data was then analysed into key themes.

SAFER COMMUNITIES

Which of these should be the top priorities for police in your neighbourhood? Please rank the following choices with 1 being the most important to you.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|--------------|
| 1st | Anti-social behaviour | 1864 | 25.1% |
| 2nd | Burglary | 1372 | 18.5% |
| 3rd | Drug using and dealing | 1122 | 15.1% |
| 4th | Criminal damage (e.g. damage to property) | 982 | 13.2% |
| 5th | Violence | 903 | 12.2% |
| 6th | Alcohol related violent crime | 479 | 6.5% |
| 7th | Car crime | 441 | 5.9% |
| 8th | Hate crime (e.g. racial, homophobic) | 223 | 3.0% |
| 9th | Your suggestion Key themes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More police presence on streets and quicker response times • Couldn't prioritise top three as all issues are equally important | 36 | 0.5% |

Which of these anti-social behaviours should be the top priorities for action in your neighbourhood? Please rank the following choices with 1 being the most important to you.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|--------------|
| 1st | Vandalism and graffiti | 1795 | 25.0% |
| 2nd | Large groups gathering | 1252 | 17.5% |
| 3rd | Noisy neighbours | 1019 | 14.2% |
| 4th | Arson | 716 | 10.0% |
| 5th | Cycling/skateboarding on pavements | 697 | 9.7% |
| 6th | Noisy cars/motorbikes | 657 | 9.2% |
| 7th | Fly-tipping | 572 | 8.0% |
| 8th | Abandoned cars | 382 | 5.3% |
| 9th | Your suggestion Key themes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste – more bins, dog mess, people should take more responsibility • Travel/cars – parking and cycling on pavements • Young people need more to do and groups of people cause problems | 79 | 1.1% |

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Gosport has a range of parks and open spaces.
How important are parks and open spaces to you?

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|--|
| Very important | 913 | 73.8% | 94.2% consider parks and open spaces to be very or fairly important |
| Fairly important | 252 | 20.4% | |
| Neither important nor unimportant | 57 | 4.6% | 1.2% consider parks and open spaces to be fairly unimportant or not at all important |
| Fairly unimportant | 7 | 0.6% | |
| Not at all important | 8 | 0.6% | |

What is your favourite park or area of open space in Gosport?

There were 1122 responses to this question, but after excluding null responses and areas not in Gosport Borough, there were 1094 left. These were grouped into 32 categories of place, one of which was for “miscellaneous other”.

Would you consider joining a “Friends Group” to help look after your favourite park or open space?

Of the 1141 that replied to this question, 381 (33.4%) said Yes, 711 (62.3%) said No, and 49 (4.3%) said they were already a member of a local friends group.

The table below shows the groupings, and for each one, how many people would consider joining a “Friends Group”.

| LOCATION CATEGORY | Favourite place | % | Friends |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| Stokes Bay | 273 | 25.0% | 100 |
| Stanley Park | 246 | 22.5% | 72 |
| Walpole Park | 159 | 14.5% | 49 |
| Gosport Park | 66 | 6.0% | 20 |
| Miscellaneous other | 49 | 4.5% | 15 |
| Falkland Gardens/Millennium Walkway | 42 | 3.8% | 13 |
| Lee on the Solent seafront | 42 | 3.8% | 13 |
| Grove Road Park | 32 | 2.9% | 8 |
| Privett Park | 27 | 2.5% | 4 |
| Alver Valley | 22 | 2.0% | 4 |
| Elson Park | 19 | 1.7% | 12 |
| Leesland | 16 | 1.5% | 6 |
| The Wildgrounds | 11 | 1.0% | 4 |
| Felicia Park | 8 | 0.7% | 5 |
| Hardway | 8 | 0.7% | 6 |
| Bridgemary Park | 7 | 0.6% | 1 |
| Forton Park | 7 | 0.6% | 2 |
| Foster Gardens | 7 | 0.6% | 1 |
| Alverstoke | 6 | 0.5% | 6 |
| Holbrook | 6 | 0.5% | 2 |
| Priddy's Hard | 6 | 0.5% | 1 |
| Rowner Green | 5 | 0.5% | 1 |
| The Grove | 5 | 0.5% | 2 |
| Brookers Field | 4 | 0.4% | 1 |
| Monks Walk | 4 | 0.4% | 1 |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---|------|---|
| Privett Gardens | 4 | 0.4% | 0 |
| Crescent Gardens | 3 | 0.3% | 2 |
| Lee recreation ground | 3 | 0.3% | 0 |
| Nobes Avenue | 2 | 0.2% | 1 |
| St Vincent's Park | 2 | 0.2% | 1 |
| Sultan field | 2 | 0.2% | 1 |
| Anglesey | 1 | 0.1% | 0 |

27 others expressed an interest in joining a Friends Group, although they did not identify a favourite park or open space.

We then asked... Why do you like it?

Please rank the following choices with 1 being the most important to you.

The analysis has been made against ALL respondents those with favourite places, plus specific analysis of the top three: Stokes Bay, Stanley Park and Walpole Park.

| | ALL | Stokes | Stanley | Walpole |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Feels safe and secure | 4 th | 5 th | 4 th | 2 nd |
| Is clean and well maintained | 2 nd | 2 nd | 1 st | 1 st |
| Is located close to home | 3 rd | 3 rd | 5 th | 5 th |
| Is easy to move around the site | 6 th | 6 th | 6 th | 7 th |
| Has good play/sports facilities | 7 th | 7 th | 7 th | 6 th |
| Has good views or natural features | 1 st | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
| Provides habitat for wildlife | 5 th | 4 th | 3 rd | 4 th |
| Your suggestion | 8 th | 8 th | 8 th | 8 th |

Why do you like it? (All responses, regardless of favourite location.)

Please rank the following choices with 1 being the most important to you.

| | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|------|-------|
| 1 st | Has good views or natural features | 1405 | 20.7% |
| 2 nd | Is clean and well maintained | 1369 | 20.2% |
| 3 rd | Is located close to home | 1131 | 16.7% |
| 4 th | Feels safe and secure | 945 | 13.9% |
| 5 th | Provides habitat for wildlife | 934 | 13.8% |
| 6 th | Is easy to move around the site | 524 | 7.7% |
| 7 th | Has good play/sports facilities | 424 | 6.2% |
| 8 th | Your suggestion | 58 | 0.8% |

Why do you like it? (Stokes Bay)

Please rank the following choices with 1 being the most important to you.

| | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1 st | Has good views or natural features | 521 | 33.1% |
| 2 nd | Is clean and well maintained | 265 | 16.8% |
| 3 rd | Is located close to home | 238 | 15.1% |
| 4 th | Provides habitat for wildlife | 212 | 13.4% |
| 5 th | Feels safe and secure | 149 | 9.5% |
| 6 th | Is easy to move around the site | 119 | 7.5% |
| 7 th | Has good play/sports facilities | 55 | 3.5% |
| 8 th | Your suggestion | 16 | 1.0% |

Why do you like it? (Stanley Park)**Please rank the following choices with 1 being the most important to you.**

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1st | Is clean and well maintained | 407 | 28.6% |
| 2nd | Has good views or natural features | 287 | 20.2% |
| 3rd | Provides habitat for wildlife | 238 | 16.8% |
| 4th | Feels safe and secure | 190 | 13.4% |
| 5th | Is located close to home | 165 | 11.6% |
| 6th | Is easy to move around the site | 100 | 7.1% |
| 7th | Has good play/sports facilities | 24 | 1.7% |
| 8th | Your suggestion | 9 | 0.6% |

Why do you like it? (Walpole Park)**Please rank the following choices with 1 being the most important to you.**

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1st | Is clean and well maintained | 175 | 20.2% |
| 2nd | Feels safe and secure | 151 | 17.4% |
| 3rd | Has good views or natural features | 142 | 16.3% |
| 4th | Provides habitat for wildlife | 130 | 14.9% |
| 5th | Is located close to home | 108 | 12.5% |
| 6th | Has good play/sports facilities | 78 | 9.0% |
| 7th | Is easy to move around the site | 76 | 8.7% |
| 8th | Your suggestion | 8 | 0.9% |

ENVIRONMENT

Our every day actions have an impact on the Environment and the resources which we use. Which of the following do you do?

| | Always: | Sometimes: | Never: |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Waste: | | | |
| Recycle glass | 66.2% (735) | 23.9% (265) | 9.9% (110) |
| Use my recycling wheelie bin | 90.4% (982) | 4% (43) | 5.6% (61) |
| Compost garden and kitchen waste | 37.8% (396) | 23.9% (250) | 38.4% (402) |
| When shopping choose things with less packaging | 19.8% (212) | 61.9% (662) | 18.3% (196) |
| Use reusable shopping bags | 44.2% (492) | 43.5% (484) | 12.3% (137) |
| Buy eco-friendly products | 11.8% (125) | 70% (744) | 18.3% (194) |
| Energy: | | | |
| Use energy efficient light bulbs | 47.6% (533) | 40.8% (457) | 11.5% (129) |
| Turn lights off when not needed | 77.6% (878) | 21.4% (242) | 1.1% (12) |
| Turn down heating by 1°C or 2°C or have thermostats on radiators | 61.8% (670) | 32.3% (350) | 6% (65) |
| Service central heating/hot water boiler annually | 74.2% (796) | 17.7% (190) | 8.1% (87) |
| Water: | | | |
| Have a dual flush or water-saving device in your lavatory | 36.9% (384) | 9.4% (98) | 53.7% (559) |
| Only use washing machine when fully loaded | 72.2% (803) | 25% (278) | 2.8% (31) |
| Use a water butt to collect rainwater | 36.8% (390) | 8.8% (93) | 54.4% (577) |
| Take a shower instead of a bath | 54.8% (609) | 32.1% (357) | 13.1% (146) |

Your suggestion

- Majority of comments related to people being unable to recycle or save water due to living in flats and not having the necessary facilities such as dual flush toilets, showers and wheelie bins
- Next most important issue was improving existing recycling facilities – bigger bins and being able to recycle more materials

About Our Health...

What are your top three suggestions for improving health in Gosport? Please prioritise 1, 2 or 3.⁴

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| 1st | <p>Haslar</p> <p>Sub themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Haslar open • Haslar to have A&E presence | <p>606</p> <p>Priority 1 = 409</p> <p>Priority 2 = 118</p> <p>Priority 3 = 79</p> |
| 2nd | <p>Dentists</p> <p>Sub themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More NHS dentists • More dentists • Cost of dentistry • Access to dentists | <p>208</p> <p>Priority 1 = 60</p> <p>Priority 2 = 99</p> <p>Priority 3 = 39</p> <p>Other = 10</p> |
| 3rd | <p>Leisure facilities</p> <p>Sub themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better leisure facilities in general • Leisure cheaper/free • Better sports facilities | <p>204</p> <p>Priority 1 = 74</p> <p>Priority 2 = 68</p> <p>Priority 3 = 62</p> |
| Other popular suggestions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctors (more and better access) • General health (better services/facilities) • Promote exercise/health (walking, cycling, education on healthy eating/lifestyles) • Hospitals (support for good A&E facilities and support for local hospital facilities) • Roads/traffic levels (reduce traffic congestion, improve roads, improve road access for ambulances) | <p>186</p> <p>156</p> <p>154</p> <p>145</p> <p>120</p> |

⁴ For the 'About our Health' section, consultees were asked to write down their top three comments on what could improve health in Gosport. All the comments were analysed and the key themes are shown here.

About You...

To help us know if our events and survey reach all of our community, could you please answer the following?

| Gender Respondents | of | Total Number of Responses | of and | Total Percentage of Responses |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Male | | 488 | | 39.6% |
| Female | | 745 | | 60.4% |
| Gender Respondents | of | Online Survey Responses | of | Total Percentage of Online Responses |
| Male | | 57 | | 56.4% |
| Female | | 44 | | 43.6% |

| Age of Respondents | Total Number of Responses | of | Total Percentage of Responses |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Under 18 | 77 | | 6.5% |
| 18-24 | 70 | | 5.9% |
| 25-44 | 327 | | 27.5% |
| 45-64 | 435 | | 36.5% |
| Over 64 | 282 | | 23.7% |
| Age of Respondents | Online Survey Responses | of | Total Percentage of Online Responses |
| Under 18 | 1 | | 1.0% |
| 18-24 | 5 | | 5.1% |
| 25-44 | 36 | | 36.4% |
| 45-64 | 51 | | 51.5% |
| Over 64 | 6 | | 6.1% |

| Limiting long-term illness, disability and infirmity | Yes | Total Percentage of Responses | No | Total Percentage of Responses |
|---|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Do You have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity? | 400 | 32.9% | 815 | 67.1% |
| | Yes (Online Response) | Total Percentage of Online Responses | No (Online Response) | Total Percentage of Online Responses |
| Do You have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity? | 17 | | 81 | |
| | Yes | Total Percentage of Responses | No | Total Percentage of Responses |
| If yes, does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way? | 236 | 59.0% | 164 | 41.0% |
| | Yes (Online Response) | Total Percentage of Online Responses | No (Online Response) | Total Percentage of Online Responses |
| If yes, does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way? | 7 | 41.2% | 10 | 58.8% |

| Ethnicity | Total Number of Responses | Total Percentage of Responses |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| White British | 1,184 | 97.0% |
| Irish | 9 | 0.7% |
| White Other | 7 | 0.6% |
| White & Black Caribbean | 1 | 0.1% |
| White & Black African | 1 | 0.1% |
| White & Asian | 1 | 0.1% |
| other Mixed background | 2 | 0.2% |
| Chinese | 4 | 0.3% |
| Caribbean | 3 | 0.2% |
| African | 2 | 0.2% |
| other Black background | 2 | 0.2% |
| Indian | 1 | 0.1% |
| Pakistani | 1 | 0.1% |
| Bangladeshi | 1 | 0.1% |
| other Asian background | 1 | 0.1% |

| Ethnicity | Online Survey Responses | Total Percentage of Online Responses |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| White British | 98 | 98.0% |
| Irish | 1 | 1.0% |
| White Other | 1 | 1.0% |

Hot Topic Boards – Results

After consultees had completed their questionnaires, they were invited to vote on the Hot Topic Boards. Consultees were given a voting pack which consisted of ✓ stickers and post-it notes to write down additional suggestions or comments.

Each Hot Topic Board had a section setting the scene on a particular issue and consultees were invited to agree/disagree with the suggested solution and then place a ✓ next to their top two suggestions of how we could reach that solution. Consultees were also invited to give their own ideas and suggestions. Each Board was staffed by two experts on that particular issue.

The Hot Topic Boards covered Local Jobs, Transport, Homes and Gosport's Harbour Waterfront. The final Board, 'What Makes Gosport Special', was added to give consultees the opportunity to comment on anything not covered within the rest of the consultation.

| LOCAL JOBS |
|---|
| <p>A lack of local jobs increases the need to travel.</p> <p>Over 18,000 people travel out of Gosport to work each day - nearly twice as many as 15 years ago.</p> <p>Only half of our working population have a job in the Borough.</p> <p>The number of jobs within the Borough continues to fall.</p> <p>Compared to elsewhere, there are fewer businesses in Gosport and fewer people start their own businesses here.</p> |

| LOCAL JOBS | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Please use your stickers to show if you agree with the following</u></p> <p>WE SHOULD PROVIDE MORE JOBS IN GOSPORT FOR LOCAL PEOPLE</p> <p>YES</p> <p>NO</p> | <p>661</p> <p>25</p> |
| We should encourage investment to attract new businesses to the Borough. | 516 |
| We should give local people the skills to fill the jobs in Gosport. | 473 |
| We should encourage more, marine, defence and tourism business. | 393 |
| We should develop a more positive image of the Borough. | 328 |
| We should encourage and support people starting their own business. | 300 |
| <p style="text-align: center;">YOUR COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS (Post-it notes)</p> <p>The top three comments/suggestions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve A32 and access roads to Gosport (no point encouraging new business unless this is done) 20 • Improve access for business incentives/employment (better roads) 12 • Incentives to new business (don't pitch rents too high, encourage SEEDA to set up more employment opportunities) 12 | 124 |

| TRANSPORT |
|--|
| <p>Traffic congestion in Gosport is a big problem.</p> <p>Over 12, 000 Gosport people travel to Fareham or Portsmouth to work.</p> <p>Gosport is the largest town in the country without a railway station.</p> <p>Bus use in Gosport is higher than other parts of Hampshire.</p> <p>The Portsmouth ferry provides a vital transport link for local people.</p> <p>One in ten people cycle to work.</p> <p>One in ten people walk to work.</p> |

| TRANSPORT | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <p>Please use your stickers to show if you agree with the following:</p> <p>WE SHOULD ADDRESS TRANSPORT CONGESTION IN GOSPORT</p> <p>YES</p> <p>NO</p> | <p>749</p> <p>8</p> |
| We should improve public transport. | 667 |
| We should increase road capacity. | 514 |
| We should improve facilities for walking and cycling. | 366 |
| We should encourage ways that minimise travel (e.g. car sharing and home-working). | 244 |
| We should make it more difficult and expensive to use the car (e.g. congestion charges). | 152 |
| <p style="text-align: center;">YOUR COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS (Post-it notes)</p> <p>The top three comments/suggestions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road improvements (spur road over harbour, sort out Newgate lane) 60 • Public transport (storage facilities at travel terminals, on time) 43 • Train/tram (get a train, tram on old Gosport to Fareham railway line) 42 | <p>312</p> |

| HOMES |
|---|
| <p>About 500 new homes have been built in Gosport each year since 2000.</p> <p>Over the next 20 years 2,500 new homes will need to be built here.</p> <p>There are 3,000 households waiting for council and housing association homes. This figure continues to rise.</p> <p>Many local people cannot afford to buy a home in Gosport.</p> <p>One in ten of Gosport homes are not up to a modern standard.</p> <p>One in five residents cannot afford to heat their homes properly.</p> |

| HOMES | |
|---|--|
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Please use your stickers to show if you agree with the following</u></p> <p>WE SHOULD IMPROVE HOUSING IN GOSPORT</p> | |
| YES | 560 |
| NO | 91 |
| We should protect open space (e.g. parks & playing fields) from housing development. | 631 |
| We should provide housing that local people can afford. | 501 |
| We should provide housing to meet local people's needs at different times of their lives. | 338 |
| We should improve poor quality housing. | 321 |
| We should make homes cheaper to heat. | 290 |
| <p style="text-align: center;">YOUR COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS (Post-it notes)</p> <p>The top three comments/suggestions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve transport infrastructure before building new homes • Types of housing (wider range needed, affordable homes, no more flats) • No more homes (overcrowded) | <p>194</p> <p>27</p> <p>19</p> <p>16</p> |

| GOSPORT'S HARBOUR WATERFRONT |
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| <p>'PHOTO OF HARBOUR WATERFRONT'</p> <p>Gosport has a unique harbour waterfront that is going to be redeveloped.</p> <p>This redevelopment will allow people to visit and enjoy this part of the harbour for the first time in 100 years. This is already happening in the Priddy's Hard and Royal Clarence Yard areas.</p> |

| GOSPORT'S HARBOUR WATERFRONT | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| <p><u>Please use your stickers to show how much you agree with the following approaches</u></p> <p>Should we redevelop the waterfront area between Royal Clarence Yard and the bus station?</p> <p>YES</p> <p>NO</p> | <p>632</p> <p>61</p> |
| WE SHOULD PROMOTE OUR MARITIME AND NAVAL HERITAGE. | 525 |
| We should encourage marine related jobs and marine leisure activity. | 444 |
| We should have more shops. | 395 |
| We should Increase the number of cafes, bars and restaurants. | 329 |
| We should provide waterside homes. | 147 |
| <p style="text-align: center;">YOUR COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS (Post-it notes)</p> <p>The top three comments/suggestions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelopment waterfront features (better quality cafes, restaurants and bars, water taxis) 33 • Redevelopment shops (better quality, more diversity, no more charity and £1 shops) 25 • Redevelopment bus station (keep bus station in new development but needs to be smarter) 25 | 176 |

| WHAT MAKES GOSPORT SPECIAL? | |
|--|------------|
| TOTAL COMMENTS | 684 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential and improvements needed – waterfront, roads, Haslar, promotion, shops, parking | 140 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beach and coast – natural beauty of Stokes Bay, coastline | 97 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miscellaneous – markets, planting, cleanliness | 73 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterfront – ferry garden, waterfront area, Priddy's Hard | 56 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities – leisure facilities, shops, schools, museums | 53 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open spaces – green areas, open spaces, Stanley Park | 40 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community and people – friendly, family, community, diversity | 36 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage – lovely historical character and heritage | 33 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location – superb location, close to amenities | 32 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative – congested roads, poor shopping, too many houses being built | 31 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naval connections – great naval heritage, shipping connections | 26 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General – nice area/place to live | 21 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Views – harbour/coastline/sea views | 19 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health facilities – Royal Hospital Haslar | 18 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport – good cycle paths | 9 |

APPENDIX 3

**CORE STRATEGY: ISSUES AND OPTIONS
QUESTIONNAIRE**

Gosport LDF Core Strategy - Issues and Options Questionnaire

Please use this form to make your comments on the issues and options. Your comments are welcomed and you may wish to answer only some of the questions. If you wish to make further comments there is space on the back. Please return the form no later than **12th February 2007**

Town and Country Planning (Local Development)(England) Regulations 2004-Regulation 25 Consultation

Ref No.
For office use

to
Head of Planning Policy
c/o Corporate Policy Section
Gosport Borough Council
FREEPOST SCE750
Gosport
PO12 1ZU

Name:
Organisation (if applicable):

Address:

Telephone:
Email:

Vision and Objectives

Q1 Do you agree with the spatial objectives or are there different objectives that should be considered?

Locational Principles

Q2 Do you agree with the key locational principles? Yes No If not what changes would you wish to see?

Key Overarching Themes

Q3 Do you agree that the provision of infrastructure to serve new development should be a key requirement in the Core Strategy? Yes No

Q4 What features are important to the identity and distinctiveness of the Borough?

Transport and Accessibility

Q5 Do you think that financial contributions sought through new developments are an acceptable mechanism for providing transport improvements within the Borough? Yes No

Q6 What policies do you think will be effective in reducing the need to travel?

Gosport LDF Core Strategy - Issues and Options Questionnaire**Transport and Accessibility**

- Q7 Is it realistic to hope that individuals will change their travel patterns as congestion worsens, or must investment in improved transport take place? Yes No
- Q8 Do you think a focus on public transport improvements will help significantly to alleviate the issues of congestion within the Borough? Yes No
- Q9 Do you think that peak hour congestion can be reduced through the promotion of Work Place and School Travel Plans? Yes No
- Q10 Do you think that discouraging the use of the car or raising revenue through demand management techniques is an acceptable mechanism for addressing congestion and providing transport improvements? Yes No
- Q11 What major transport projects do you think are most likely to resolve congestion and accessibility problems on the Gosport Peninsula?
- Q12 If the necessary land and funding became available what major highway improvements do you think are appropriate to help reduce congestion on the A32? Yes No
- Q13 Do you think a Stubbington By-pass is an appropriate means of improving access to Gosport? Yes No
- Q14 What alternatives to the Light Rapid Transit should be considered?
- Q15 Would better bus stops, information and service reliability encourage greater bus use? Yes No
If not, what would?
- Q16 Do you think more public money should be used to subsidise and promote better bus services? Yes No
- Q17 Do you think that cycle infrastructure within the Borough should be improved, Yes No if yes what would be your priorities?
- Q18 Do you think that more priority should be given in transport planning to promoting and encouraging walking Yes No if yes how do you think this is best achieved?

Gosport LDF Core Strategy - Issues and Options Questionnaire**Economic Prosperity**

- Q19 Do you agree that the provision of employment land should be a priority of the Core Strategy?
- Q20 Do you think that the Core Strategy should encourage the economic regeneration of existing employment sites? Yes No If not, how should these sites be developed?
- Q21 Where there is a lack of town or edge-of-centre sites suitable for commercial and community uses, do you consider that there needs to be a greater flexibility of uses on employment sites to allow such facilities?
- Q22 What requirements are important for existing and potential business sectors within the Borough?
- Q23 Do you agree that tourism should be promoted in the Borough? Yes No
- Q24 Do you think the Core Strategy should make provision for hotel accommodation within the Borough?
 Yes No
- Q25 Do you support the principle of securing the agreement of developers to fund training agreements in order to support residents in accessing the skills they need for local job opportunities? Yes No

Education

- Q26 The Core Strategy will aim to protect educational facilities within the Borough unless it can be demonstrated by the Local Education Authority and/or Learning Skills Council that there is no longer a need. Do you agree with this approach? Yes No
- Q27 Do you agree that the Core Strategy should make provision for suitable sites to support the identified need for vocational training facilities? Yes No If so where should such facilities be located?

Gosport LDF Core Strategy - Issues and Options Questionnaire

Housing

Q28 Do you agree that most new homes should be located in areas most accessible to public transport and identified centres? Yes No

What other factors should influence the location of housing?

Q29 Do you agree that most new homes should continue to be built on brownfield land? Yes No
If these sites are not available what land should be used for new housing?

Q30 Do you think that higher density housing developments should only be built in accessible locations?
 Yes No

Q31 What other factors should determine the density of dwellings in various parts of the Borough?

Q32 Do you agree that housing affordability is a key issue in Gosport? Yes No

Q33 Do you think the Core Strategy should promote different types of affordable housing? Yes No

Q34 Do you think that Community Land Trusts, or other community ownership models can work in Gosport?

Q35 Do you think that residential development should be provided mainly in the form of houses with private gardens or blocks of flats with communal amenity space or a combination of both?

Q36 How do you think the housing needs of the elderly should be met in the future?

Gosport LDF Core Strategy - Issues and Options Questionnaire

Housing

- Q37 Do you consider that we should identify a site for gypsies and travellers if a need is demonstrated?
 Yes No If not why not? Are there any specific matters that should be taken into account when assessing the suitability of a residential site for gypsies and travellers?
- Q38 What issues are important to you about the condition of existing housing stock within the Borough?
- Q39 Do you think it is desirable to promote the construction of new homes in Gosport to at least Ecohomes/BREEAM 'Very Good' standard? Yes No

Sustainable Centres

- Q40 Do you agree that protecting and enhancing existing centres should be a key priority? Yes No
 What measures can be taken to improve centres?
- Q41 Should the Town Centre be expanded to include the waterfront area? Yes No What types of uses should be located in the waterfront area?
- Q42 Should the enhancement of the evening economy be supported in existing Town and District centres?
 Yes No
- Q43 Is there a good mix of facilities in existing centres to meet local needs? Yes No
 If not, what sort of facilities and services would you like to see?
- Q44 Should small shops outside existing centres also be protected, or are the smaller centres adequate for meeting local needs? Yes No

Health

- Q45 Do you agree with the Council's position that the Royal Haslar Hospital site should be safeguarded as a medical facility? Yes No
- Q46 Do you agree that appropriate new health facilities should be provided in accessible locations? Yes No

Gosport LDF Core Strategy - Issues and Options Questionnaire**Quality of the Built Environment**

- Q47 Do you agree that it is important to protect the Borough's built heritage? Yes No What aspects are important to you?
- Q48 In addition to the existing Conservation Areas and the Area of Special Character, should the Core Strategy make provision for further designations, if so where?
- Q49 Do you agree that the Core Strategy should include policies that incorporate key design principles in order to enhance the quality of the built environment? Yes No

Open Space, Coast and Harbour

- Q50 What do you think are the priorities for improving of open spaces within the Borough?
- Q51 In what circumstances do you think it is appropriate to develop or partly develop an open space?
- Q52 What forms of open space do you think should be provided for new developments?
- Q53 Do you agree with the Council's approach to enhance public access to the coast and harbour? Yes No

Biological and Geological Conservation

- Q54 Do you agree that the Borough's key habitats, species and geological features should have protection from development? Yes No
- Q55 Should opportunities be taken to enhance nature conservation features within existing public open spaces? Yes No
- Q56 Should the Borough Council investigate the potential to designate new nature conservation areas? Yes No

Gosport LDF Core Strategy - Issues and Option Questionnaire

Biological and Geological Conservation

- Q57 Should developers be required to outline what measures are being proposed to protect and enhance local biodiversity on the development site and its surroundings? Yes No
- Q58 What measures can the Core Strategy include that will allow habitats and species to adapt to climate change?

Sustainable use of Resources

- Q59 Should the Core Strategy seek to ensure that 10% of energy generated by new development should come from renewable energy sources? Yes No
- Q60 Should all new development be encouraged to conform to BREEAM standards rather than only meeting the current standards set out in Building Regulations? Yes No If not, why?
- Q61 Do you think the Core Strategy should include policies that encourage water conservation in all buildings? If not why?
- Q62 What are the key considerations that the Core Strategy should take into account when planning for flood risk.
- Q63 Do you think that the Core Strategy should promote policies that support the principles of sustainable design, construction and demolition? Yes No If not why?
- Q64 Should the Core Strategy help to facilitate improved or new facilities for managing waste? Yes No If not why?

Data Protection

The comments and details of the responses on the questionnaire will be recorded on the Borough Council's Local Development Framework database. The Council is registered in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and any data collected will only be used for the purposes of the Gosport Local Development Framework. However these documents are available in full for public inspection if requested. If you do not wish to be contacted again, please put a cross in the box below and fill in your name and address. We will remove you from our mailing list. Please note that once removed you will not be contacted again unless you request to be.

Gosport LDF Core Strategy - Issues and Options Questionnaire

Any further comments

Gosport Borough Council is committed to equal opportunities for all.
If you need this document in large print, on tape, in Braille or in other languages please ask.

APPENDIX 4

CORE STRATEGY: ISSUES AND OPTIONS LEAFLET

Make your mark..... on future planning policies



We are preparing a new plan for Gosport to consider how land should be used in the future and we want to know what you think.



To see the Plan visit
www.gosport.gov.uk/ldf



What is the new plan called?

The new plan is called the **Gosport Local Development Framework (LDF)**.

The first part is called the **Core Strategy**.

What is the Core Strategy?

The **Core Strategy** sets out the overall vision for Gosport over the next twenty years.

It will include policies and proposals that will shape the future of Gosport.

The Council has now produced an **Issues and Options Report** as part of its first stage of consultation.

This Report sets out a number of issues facing the Borough.



Town Centres



Energy, Water and Waste



Heritage



Open Space



Community Facility



Health



Housing



Transport



Leisure and Recreation



Natural Environment

We need your views on the Core Strategy:

- What do you want Gosport to look like in 2026?
- Have we identified the key issues?
- How can we resolve these issues?
- How can Gosport be improved?
- What is distinctive about Gosport?
- What should be protected and enhanced?
- What land uses should be encouraged in Gosport?



Design

How to find out more?

The Issues and Options Report of the Core Strategy will be available for comment from **2nd January to 12th February 2007**.

Copies will be available:

on the Council's website www.gosport.gov.uk/ldf

at the Town Hall and the local libraries

alternatively we can send you a copy

If you would like a copy please contact the Planning Policy Team on:



Tel: 023 9254 5458



E-mail: planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk



Or write to:

Head of Planning Policy
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PO12 1EB

How can I make comments about the Report?

The Issues and Options Report will be accompanied with a **questionnaire** which asks for your views.

Please return your questionnaires to the Planning Policy Section by **12th February**.

APPENDIX 5

**CORE STRATEGY: ISSUES AND OPTIONS
CONSULTATION LETTER LIST**

Core Strategy: Issues and Options: Consultation Letter List

SPECIFIC CONSULTATION BODIES

British Gas Properties
 British Telecom Plc
 East Hampshire Fareham & Gosport Primary Care Trusts
 English Heritage South East Region
 Environment Agency
 Fareham Borough Council
 Government Office for the South East
 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Strategic Health Authority
 Hampshire County Council
 Highways Agency
 Isle of Wight Council
 Mobile Operators Association
 Natural England
 Portsmouth & SE Hants Health Authority
 Portsmouth Care Trust
 Portsmouth City Council
 Primary Care Trust (PCT) Estates and Facilities
 Portsmouth Water Plc
 SEEDA
 SEERA
 Southern Electric
 Southern Water

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

AOPA
 Bellway Homes (Wessex)
 Brimble, Lea & Partners
 Business Link Wessex
 Cable & Wireless (formerly Mercury Communications)
 Civil Aviation Authority
 CPRE Hampshire
 Crown Estate Commissioners
 'Curves' Franchise
 Defence Estates
 Devplan UK
 DSDA Gosport
 First Hampshire & Dorset
 Fusion
 Groundwork Solent
 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
 Hampshire Constabulary
 Hampshire County Youth Service (HCYS)
 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service
 Hampshire Police Air Support Unit
 HEP (Hampshire Economic Partnership)
 HEP Innovation & Enterprise Group
 HEP Investment Land & Property Task Group
 HEP - Marine Policy Group
 HM Naval Base
 Home Builders Federation
 Hughmark International
 Lafarge Aggregates Limited
 Learning & Skills Council, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight
 Marine South East Ltd
 Mercury Communications Limited
 Mr Peter Viggers Member of Parliament

National Grid
 National Offender Management Services/ HM Prison Service
 Naval Personal & Family Service
 Network Rail
 NHS Estates Inventures
 NTL Engineering Department
 Outreach
 Persimmon Homes South East
 Portsmouth & South East Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
 Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust
 Qinetiq
 Royal Mail
 RSPB
 SGN (Southern Gas Network)
 Solent Forum
 Solent Protection Society
 South East Hampshire Enterprise Agency
 Sport England South East
 STS Defence
 The British Wind Energy Association
 the Environment Centre (tEC)
 The Gypsy Council
 The Planning Inspectorate
 The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain
 The Solent Electronic Home
 The Theatres Trust
 Tourism South East

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

33 Field Hospital
 Badgers Pre-School
 Bay House School
 Bridgemary Centre
 Bridgemary Community School

Brockhurst Baptist Church
 Brune Park Community College
 Chair of St Matthews Court Management
 Company
 Crescent Owners Association
 CSSA Portsmouth Offshore Group
 Elson Infant School
 Ewer Common Conservation Group
 Forton Bowling Club
 Friends of Crescent Garden
 Friends of Gosport Museum
 Friends of Stokes Bay
 Friends of the Hermitage
 Gomer Infant School
 Gosport Access Group for Disabled Persons
 Gosport Allotment Holders & Gardeners
 Association
 Gosport & Fareham Football League - Goblins
 Gosport and Fareham Friends of the Earth
 Gosport & Fareham Soroptimist Intl
 Gosport Aviation Society
 Gosport Bike Group
 Gosport Borough Girls & Ladies Football Club
 Gosport Business Centre
 Gosport Citizens Advice Bureau
 Gosport Community Responders
 Gosport Development Trust
 Gosport Ferry Ltd
 Gosport Railway Society
 Gosport Society
 Gosport Town Centre Association
 Gosport Voluntary Action
 Gosport Youth Council
 Grange Junior School
 Hardway Sailing Club & Portsmouth &
 Langstone Harbour Sailing Association (PLSA)

Holbrook Recreation Centre
 Holbrook Womens Institute
 Housing Forum
 Jacobs Well Care Centre
 League of Friends, Haslar
 Lee Business Association
 Lee-on-the-Solent Community Association
 Lee-on-the-Solent Junior School
 Lee-on-the-Solent Methodist Church
 Lee-on-the-Solent Residents Association
 Lee-on-the-Solent Tennis, Squash & Fitness
 Club
 Leesland CE Infant School
 Logos Community Church
 Notorious JTBC
 Peacock & Smith
 Peel Common Residents Association
 Persimmon Homes South Coast Ltd
 Pilbrow Court Residents Association
 Portsmouth Housing Association Ltd
 Rotary Club of Gosport
 Rowner Bowling Club
 Sanderson Business Centre
 Solent Evening Women's Institute
 St Mary's Church
 St Vincent College
 Stokes Bay Sailing Club
 Stoke Road Baptist Church
 Stoke Road Traders Association
 The Anglesey Hotel
 Trinity Close Residents Association
 Trinity Green Preservation Association
 UK Online Centre, Gosport
 Vision4Lee

COMMERCIAL COMPANIES

Bryan Jezeph Consultancy
 CB Richard Ellis
 Chris Thomas Ltd
 David Ames Associates
 Dreweatt Neate
 GVA Grimley
 Lambert Smith Hampton
 Lennon Planning Limited
 Mono Consultants Limited
 Smith Stuart Reynolds
 Tetlow King Planning
 Tibbalds Planning & Urban Design
 White Young Green Planning

Note: A number of individuals who had previously requested to be kept informed were sent consultation letters and copies of the Core Strategy: Issues and Options

APPENDIX 6

MEETINGS AND DIALOGUE HELD WITH STAKEHOLDERS IN CONSULTING ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE CORE STRATEGY: ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Meetings and Dialogue Held With Stakeholders Subsequent to the Publication of the Core Strategy: Issues and Options

The Council in line with its adopted SCI kept its stakeholders informed on the progression of its Core Strategy: Issues and Options. Each of these were contacted via their preferred mode of contact (mostly by letter) prior to publication to allow the opportunity to respond. By nature of the iterative process of consultation, meetings and dialogue took place with a number of these stakeholders right up to the publication of the Core Strategy: Preferred Options, therefore further assisting towards the preparation of the Core Strategy.

The following statutory and key stakeholders, local business groups and organisations were involved in face to face meetings or dialogue with officers during the Regulation 25 stage in the lead up to the publication of the Core Strategy: Issues and Options;

- Agents Liaison Group;
- Anglesey Conservation Group;
- Barratt Homes;
- Defence Estates;
- English Heritage;
- Environment Agency;
- Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust;
- Fareham Borough Council;
- Gosport Business Forum;
- Gosport Ferry Ltd;
- Gosport Partnership;
- Gosport Regeneration Action Forum (GRAF);
- Gosport Society;
- Hampshire County Council – including the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC), the Education, Minerals and Waste and Transport teams. Regular liaison meetings held;
- Haslar Stakeholders Group;
- HEP Investment, Land & property Task Group;
- Highways Agency;
- Learning and Skills Council South East;
- Lee Residents Association;
- Natural England;
- Portsmouth City Council;
- Portsmouth Water;
- PUSH Planning Officers;
- Rowner Renewal Partnership;
- South East of England Development Agency (SEEDA);
- Southern Water; and
- White Young Green.

APPENDIX 7

**CORE STRATEGY: ISSUES AND OPTIONS
SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION
RESPONSES**

Consultation was undertaken as part of Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 on the Gosport Core Strategy: Issues and Option document from 2 January 2007 until 12 February 2007.

These are key points that have taken from letters of representation and responses to the questionnaire accompanying the Issues and Option document. These range from general comments about the issues to more detail comments on wording and emphasis. These comments together with empirical evidence from other studies will inform formulation of the 'preferred options' stage of the Core Strategy.

The comments are reported in the order they appear in the Issues and Options document and should be read in conjunction with that document.

The Core Strategy Topic Papers also provide further information on the feedback to the consultation on the issues and options and can be viewed on the following web link;

<http://www.gosport.gov.uk/sections/your-council/council-services/planning-section/local-development-framework/evidence-base-for-ldf/ldf-topic-papers/>

1. Spatial Objectives (SO)

SO1, SO2, SO3

- No comment.

SO4

- The promotion of Gosport as a tourist attraction should be included.
- Encourage the start up of small and medium sized enterprises based on the Borough's maritime heritage.

SO6

- The requirements of PPS3 should be included in particular the requirement to ensure a flexible and deliverable land supply is made available, including a 5 and 15 year supply.

SO9

- Should be split as not all facilities and services can be accommodated within existing centres.

SO10

- Should include the word 'cultural'.

SO11

- The protection and enhancement of the Borough's natural assets, coasts, harbours and areas of natural conservation value.
- Protect and enhance biodiversity and geo-diversity within the Borough.

SO12

- Vision and core objectives should clearly provide and promote increased opportunities for participation in sport and active recreation.

SO13

- The term 'natural hazards' should be more clearly defined (EP). The definition should include all forms of flooding (EA, RSPB) and coastal erosion.

SO14

- Should be reworded: To encourage the use of natural resources in the most sustainable way including ~~recycling~~ sustainable waste management principles.
- Emphasis should be on re-use rather than recycling, as this is the most desirable option in terms of energy and material efficiency.

SO15

- Supported although the words 'where appropriate' should be deleted as it is unclear and unnecessary.
- Replace "encourage" with "require".

General

Specific reference to the Mumby Road site should be made in the spatial objectives.

2. Locational Principles

- Maximising Gosport's development prospects will increase the potential for infrastructure investment, and make it attractive to inward investment.
- The strategy should recognise that major development schemes, such as the Stubbington Bypass will have a cross boundary effect.
- Strategic Gaps should be determined based upon a suitable evidence base. Policies on Strategic Gaps should retain a degree of flexibility and recognise circumstances where buildings exist and development has taken place.
- The policy approach to the location of housing within the Borough should reflect PPS3 particularly with an emphasis on ensuring housing

is developed in suitable locations which offer a range of community facilities with good access to jobs, key services and infrastructure.

- Greater emphasis should be placed on the preservation and development of small green areas.
- Sports fields should be protected.
- Figure 5.1, which sets out the “key locational principles”, should identify specific environmental constraints such as the location of nationally and internationally designated sites or the indicative floodplain.
- The Locational Principle relating to the development in flood risk areas should be in accordance with PPS25.
- The MOD explosive safeguarding zones should be mentioned within the locational principles.

3. Overarching Themes

Climate Change

- The impact of climate change is likely to be felt over a timescale longer than the 20 years of the Core Strategy.

Infrastructure

- New infrastructure should be put in place before new development.
- The policies should ensure that infrastructure requirements do not result in some developments not coming forward on viability grounds.

Local distinctiveness

The following points were considered to add to the local distinctiveness of Gosport.

- Enhance and promote the distinctive waterfront for tourism. More advantage could be made of the waterfront location.
- Maritime and harbour heritage is important.
- Large parts of Gosport including significant coastal areas are designated as internationally nationally and locally important nature conservation sites.
- The open space separating Lee and Gosport.
- Historic buildings.
- The Borough’s geography that lends itself to cycling and possible renewable energy generation using wind.

4. Transport and Accessibility

- Financial contributions for transport infrastructure should conform to the criteria set out in Circular 05/2005.
- In certain circumstances if the lack of strategic infrastructure is holding back development and is the primary cause of refusal of planning permission then further negotiations to deliver additional infrastructure may be appropriate, provided all alternative avenues of finance have been explored.
- There is a need for a balance between housing growth and the availability of local employment (reduces potential for out-commuting).
- Encourage inward investment/economic development by making Gosport an attractive place.
- Appropriate/improved retail, leisure and other facilities will reduce the need to travel.
- Locate new residential developments close to employment and services that are well served by public transport.
- There needs to be a comprehensive strategy to create an integrated transport network focusing on alternative modes of transport other than the car which includes strategic investment in major infrastructure.
- Investment is necessary to solve the Borough's transport problems and change travel habits.
- There should be a (significant) focus on public transport improvement to alleviate congestion.
- Need to reassess bus routes in order to encourage Gosport residents to shop in Gosport rather than Fareham.
- Peak hour congestion can (possibly) be reduced through promotion of (green) travel plans.
- Discouraging the use of the car or raising revenue through demand management techniques is an acceptable mechanism for addressing congestion and providing public transport.
- Demand Management techniques are not an acceptable mechanism for addressing congestion and providing revenue for transport improvements.
- Gosport needs quick transport improvements before the out-commuting situation worsens.

- Investment is required in order to reduce congestion especially in reference to the A32.
- The Stubbington Bypass is an appropriate means of improving access to Gosport.
- Turn the old railway line into a road.
- Improve Newgate Lane.
- Introduce new one way system A32 into Gosport becomes one-way with one way road out via Newgate Lane.
- Reduce the number of traffic lights.
- The LRT option should be fully pursued.
- The old railway line could be used for guided buses.
- Direct bus routes between Fareham and Gosport along the A32 would improve accessibility.
- Public money should be used to subsidise and promote better bus services.
- The harbour has potential to be used for a waterborne transport system.
- Cycle infrastructure should be improved.
- More priority should be given to promoting and encouraging walking.

5. Employment and the Economy

- The provision of employment land should be priority.
- The economic regeneration of existing sites should be encouraged.
- Employment land sites should only be regenerated if they are suitable for employment if not then they should be considered for mixed use development.
- There should be greater flexibility on employment sites to allow commercial and community facilities - Where there is good access and parking.
- Important requirements for existing and potential business sectors.
 - Access;
 - Transport; and

- Skilled staff.
- Promote tourism.
 - Encourage more boating/ Improve boating facilities;
 - Promote Gosport's historical connections; and
 - Make provision for hotels (quality).
- Developers should fund training agreements to support residents accessing the skills they need for local job opportunities.

6. Education and Skills

- The Core Strategy should aim to protect educational facilities unless it can be demonstrated by the LEA and/or the LSC that there is no longer a need.
- The Core Strategy should make provision for suitable sites to the support the identified need for vocational training facilities:
 - A joint development with Fareham situated between the two towns should be considered.
 - Daedalus should be investigated as a suitable site.
 - Concerned at the possible re-location of St Vincent and Fareham colleges to Lee. This has an elderly demographic and is not so well located in terms of public transport.

7. Housing

- Homes should be in accessible locations (public transport / local centres).
- Factors that should be taken into account in the location of houses:
 - Close to employment;
 - Close to recreation facilities;
 - Close to schools;
 - Flooding;
 - Impact on road network; and
 - Quality of the environment.
- New Homes should be built on brownfield land:
 - If no brownfield land then no more houses; and
 - The Council should not restrain the number of Greenfield sites available for use if brownfield supply runs low i.e. 5 year supply.
- Higher densities should only be built in accessible locations:
 - There may be sites that are not accessible that are suitable for higher density development.

- Factors that should be taken into account in determining density:
 - Gosport's open spaces;
 - Proven housing need and discussions with employers;
 - Health Facilities;
 - Schools;
 - Transport; and
 - Quality of the environment/Conservation.
- Affordable housing is a key issue and the CS should promote different types of affordable housing:
 - Imposing policies that dictate mix of housing types may reduce the viability of site;
 - Type of affordable accommodation should be linked to published studies;
 - Low cost market housing should also be considered; and
 - Key worker housing.
- Can Community Land Trusts work in Gosport:
 - Agree (10 responses); and
 - Disagree (4 responses).
- Type of housing:
 - Housing should be provided in the form of houses and gardens and flats (19 responses);
 - Housing should be provided in the form of houses and gardens (6 responses); and
 - Housing should be provided in the form of flats and communal space (1 response).
- How should the needs of the elderly be met?
 - Support care for the elderly should be provided within the home;
 - 1 and 2 bed houses and flats with good access are suitable for the elderly;
 - Life time homes and smaller units with ample storage and easy access to facilities; and
 - Purpose built retirement flats and care homes should be built.
- Provision of gypsy and travellers sites:
 - A site for gypsies and travellers should be provided if need is demonstrated (13 responses); and
 - A site for gypsies and travellers should not be provided even if need is demonstrated as there is no land or funds available to meet the needs of gypsies and travellers.
- Factors to be taken into account when assessing the suitability of a site for gypsies and travellers:
 - Sites for gypsies and travellers should be self contained and well managed; and

- The issue of gypsies and travellers should be tackled jointly with adjoining authorities.
- What issues are important about the condition of the existing housing stock?
 - Houses should be renovated rather than rebuilt;
 - Make stock energy efficient;
 - Homes must be in good condition when handed over to tenants; and
 - If stock not fit for purpose it should be replaced.
- New homes should be built to BREEAM very good standards (36 Responses).
- New homes should not be built to BREEAM very good standards (3 Responses):
 - The Council should not be prescriptive and instead align their aspirations on sustainable housing to be in line with the Code for Sustainable Homes.

8. Sustainable Centres

- Protecting and enhancing existing centres should be a priority.
- What Measures can be taken to improve centres?
 - The range of services available and the attractiveness of the town centre should be maintained and improved;
 - Better quality shops./less charity shops;
 - Bus station Redevelopment should include taxi rank, secure cycle parking, supervised toilets, restaurant, café, large shop, open space with seating, small museum;
 - Improved shop fronts and signage;
 - Include more housing within the town and district centres in order to encourage shops to stay open longer; and
 - Local and neighbourhood centres should be allowed to expand to include community and leisure facilities.
- The Town Centre should be expanded to include the waterfront area.
- What uses should be included on the waterfront?
 - Food and drink outlets /restaurants;
 - Leisure;
 - Cinema/theatre;
 - Retail/ Specialist/Different shops to those on the High Street;
 - Teaching Centres for Sailing, canoeing, for rowing; and
 - Housing.
- Enhancement of the evening economy in the existing town and District centres should be supported:

- Needs to be managed;
 - Development of the evening economy should be concentrated within the town centre;
 - Food and drink outlets /restaurants important; and
 - Cultural facilities could provide key to vibrant centres.
- There is a good mix of facilities in the existing centres (9 Responses).
 - There is not a good mix of facilities in the existing centres (13 Responses):
 - Gosport is lacking in range and quality of shopping facilities;
 - Limit the number of charity shops; and
 - Need cinema.
 - Small Shops outside existing centres should be protected.
 - The local economy will determine if shops outside of local centres will thrive or not.

9. Health

- The Royal Hospital Haslar site should be safeguarded as a medical facility.
- Health Facilities should be provided in accessible locations.

10. Quality of the Built Environment

- The Built Heritage of the Borough should be protected:
 - The maritime heritage is important to the Borough; and
 - Archaeological issues need to be highlighted.
- New Conservation designations:
 - Ewer Common;
 - Stokes bay;
 - QinetiQ should be added to the Haslar Conservation Area;
 - the waterfront area added to the Town conservation; and
 - Forton and Ann's hill should be designated as conservation areas in order to preserve the Victorian housing stock.
- No new conservation designations (5 Responses).
- Key design principles should be included in policies.
- Design principle should be included in more detail in a Development Control Policies DPD.

11. Open Space Coast and Harbour

- Priorities for improving open spaces:
 - Access to open spaces is important;
 - Football pitches sports facilities;
 - More Parks and open space / as areas of tranquillity;
 - Protect wildlife; and
 - More facilities at Stokes Bay.
- When is appropriate to develop or partially develop an open space?
 - Where it is underused or in poor quality;
 - If it would improve recreation provision;
 - Must be replaced with equivalent open space nearby; and
 - If Brownfield sites are unavailable.
- Open spaces should not be developed under any circumstances (12 Responses).
- What forms of open space should be provided by new developments?
 - Communal Gardens should be provided for new developments;
 - Open space that allows public access;
 - To meet local needs;
 - Children's play areas;
 - Sports facilities; and
 - Wildlife Corridors.
- Agree with Council's approach to enhance public access to the coast and harbour (22 responses):
 - Access to explosion on foot from the harbour should be improved;
 - Improve access through Haslar;
 - Need to improve access along the Creek by the Gasworks; and
 - Protect wildlife along routes.

12. Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

- The Borough's key habitats, species and geological features should be protected from development.
- Opportunities should be taken to enhance nature conservation features within existing open spaces:
 - Where possible and economically viable;
 - Access to site is very important;
 - Public access to Browndown should be improved; and
 - Improve open space for Brent Goose population.
- The Borough Council should investigate the potential to designate new nature conservation areas (21 responses):
 - Ewer Common should be designated for protection;

- Even the designation of small areas for nature conservation would be beneficial;
 - The Borough Council should work with Hampshire County Council and the Biodiversity Information Centre to ensure that all areas of local nature conservation importance are recognised and suitably protected through the LDF;
 - The Borough Council should work with Wildlife trust on revision to the Brent goose strategy; and
 - Solent forum are collating data on alternative high tide roost sites which not within the present European designations and may require future designation.
- The Borough Council should not investigate the potential to designate new nature conservation areas (6 Responses):
 - Nothing to do with the Council;
 - There are enough already; and
 - Waste of money.
 - Developers should outline what measures are being proposed to protect and enhance local biodiversity on the development sites and its surroundings:
 - Developers should submit a SEEDA sustainability checklist; and
 - The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 places biodiversity duties on all public outside of designated sites and this should be reflected in any guidance to developers.
 - What measures can the Core Strategy include that will allow habitats and species to adapt to climate change?
 - Be advised by specialists;
 - Manage open spaces;
 - Linear wildlife corridors should also be protected and enhanced;
 - Policies to protect biodiversity in relation to new development should reflect in size and scale the nature of the development; and
 - Proactive planning policies in relation to sustainable development.
 - In order to allow habitats and species to adapt the following measures could take place:
 - Development could be restricted to allow managed retreat of coastal habitat;
 - Development could be restricted in areas with potential for future use by species squeezed out of other areas; and
 - Protection of coastal habitats where coastal squeeze is not an issue.

APPENDIX 8

**CORE STRATEGY: PREFERRED OPTIONS
RESPONSE FORM**



Date
 Ref No.
 For office use

Gosport Local Development Framework Draft Core Strategy - Preferred Options Response Form

Town and Country Planning (Local Development)(England) Regulations 2004 as amended June 2008
 Regulation 25 Consultation

An electronic version of this form is available at www.gosport.gov.uk/core-strategy

Name:

All Comments and Completed Forms
 should be returned by
Friday 13th November

Organisation (if applicable):

to Planning Policy
 Gosport Borough Council
 Town Hall
 High Street
 Gosport
 Hampshire
 PO12 1EB

Address:

Response forms can be
 returned by **Email** to
planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk

or **Fax** to **023 9254 5588**

Telephone:

Email:

The Draft Core Strategy - Preferred Options document is available on the Gosport Borough Council's website: www.gosport.gov.uk/ldf

Paper Copies are available in the libraries and at the Town Hall (3rd floor reception).

If you would like to discuss any element of the consultation documents further then please contact/telephone Planning Policy **023 9254 5461**

All comments received in response to this consultation will be taken into account and used to prepare the next stage of the Core Strategy.

Gosport Borough Council is committed to equal opportunities for all. If you need this response form in large print, on tape/CD, in Braille or in other languages please contact/telephone Planning Policy 023 9254 5461.

1. Do You agree with the Vision & Spatial Objectives? Agree Disagree
Please use the space below if you wish to provide comments.

2. The Core Strategy contains a number of policies and supporting paragraphs. Please use the boxes below to let us know which parts of the draft Core Strategy you agree with and support or object to along with your comments.
(To make any further responses please use the additional page clearly identifying the policy and/or paragraph you are referring to).

Policy Number and/or Paragraph Number

Support Object

Please use the space below to summarise why you support or oppose the above policy/paragraph (please continue on a clearly titled additional page as required available at back of this form).

3. Sustainability Appraisal (Interim Report).

Do you agree with the approach of the SA? Agree Disagree

Please use the space below to provide detailed comments to support your representation.

4. Any other comments (for instance are there any elements you believe to be missing from the document)?

Customer Service

This question is optional and included to help us ensure that we provide services fairly and equally to all of our residents and service users.

How satisfied are you that you are able to access Gosport Borough Council's Planning Policy services?

Please ✓ one box only

Very satisfied
 Fairly satisfied
 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 Fairly dissatisfied
 Very dissatisfied

Please comment on your answer.

If you are responding as an individual please continue to last page.

Thank you for completing this form.

Data Protection

The comments and details of the responses on this form will be recorded on the Borough Council's Local Development Framework database. The Council is registered in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and any data collected will only be used for the purposes of the Gosport Local Development Framework. Please note that your responses are public documents and available for public scrutiny.

To make any further responses please **copy** this page and continue your comments on as many pages as required).

Policy Number
and/or
Paragraph Number Support Object

| Policy Number and/or Paragraph Number | Support | Object |
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Monitoring Questions

These questions are optional and included to help us ensure that we provide services fairly and equally to all of our residents and service users, and will be treated as confidential.

This page will be detached from the rest of the form and is purely for monitoring purposes.

Please complete the following only if you are responding as an individual.

Are you male or female? Please ✓ box What was your age on your last birthday?

Male Female

Do you have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity? (Long-standing means anything that has troubled you over a period of time or that is likely to affect you over a period of time).

Please ✓ box. Yes No

Does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way?

Yes No

Which of these groups do you consider you belong to?

Please ✓ box.

White

- British
- Irish
- Any other White background (please ✓ and write in below)

Black or Black British

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black background (please ✓ and write in below)

Mixed

- White & Black Caribbean
- White & Black African
- White & Asian
- Any other Mixed background (please ✓ and write in below)

Asian

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Any other Asian background (please ✓ and write in below)

Chinese and Other Ethnic groups

- Chinese
- Any other Ethnic background (please ✓ and write in below)

Thank you for completing this response form [First Page](#)

APPENDIX 9

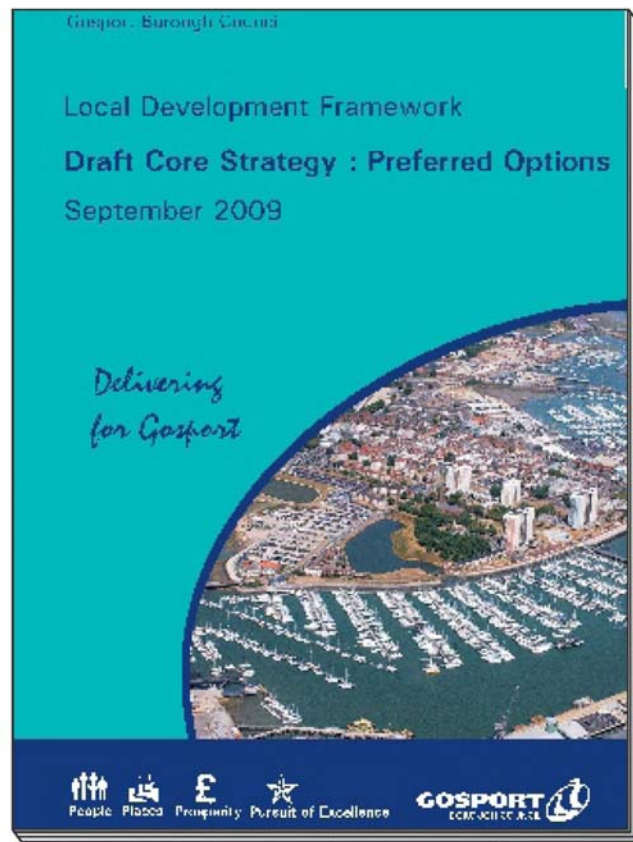
**CORE STRATEGY: PREFERRED OPTIONS
CONSULTATION LEAFLET**



Draft Core Strategy: Preferred Options

*Shaping the future of Gosport.....
what are your views?*

Consultation period
Monday 5th
October - Friday
13th November



For further information visit www.gosport.gov.uk/ldf

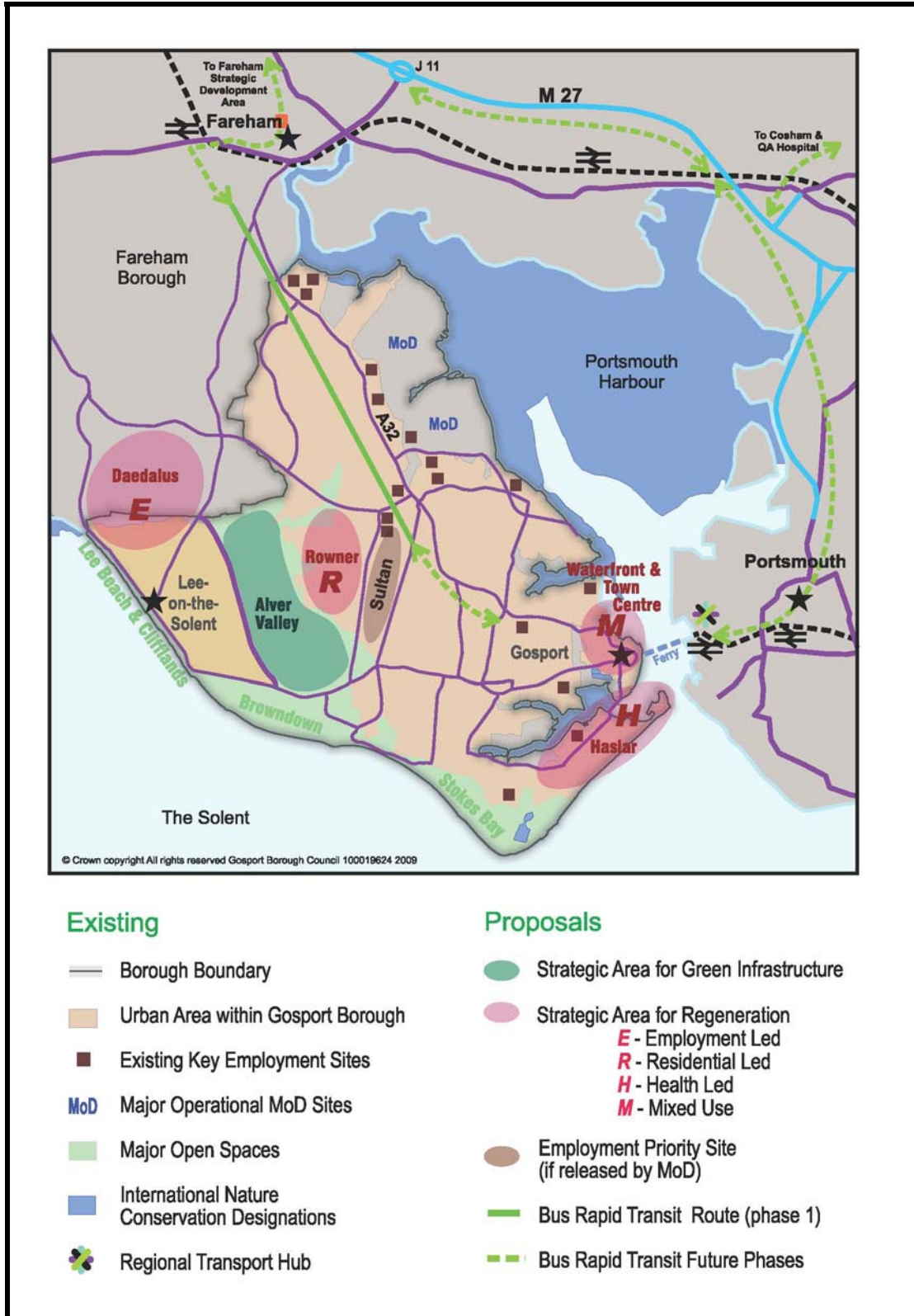
The **Core Strategy** sets out the overall vision for Gosport over the next twenty years. It includes proposals and policies that will shape the future of Gosport. We have listened to your views at the 'Make Your Mark' events and your responses to The Core Strategy Issues and Options consultation document.

The Council has now produced a **Draft Core Strategy: Preferred Options** document for consultation. This document sets out a number of key strategic issues facing the Borough.



We now need your views on the proposals.

- **Have we** identified the right location for future growth?
 - **Should we** encourage an employment led strategy?
 - **Should we** protect our green space?
 - **Are we** meeting housing needs?




How to find out more?

The Draft Core Strategy and Response Form will be available from the **5th October 2009**.


Copies will be available:

on the Council's website www.gosport.gov.uk/ldf
at the **Town Hall** (3rd floor reception)
and the **local libraries**.

alternatively we can send you a copy please

contact Planning Policy:  **Tel:** 023 9254 5458

 **E-mail:** planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk

 **Or write to:**
Head of Planning Policy
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Town Hall
High Street
Gosport
PO12 1EB

In addition there will be an exhibition at the following venues.

Bridgemary Library: 5th October - 16th October
(Tues/Sat am only. Closed Wednesdays)

Lee Library: 12th October - 23th October
(Mon/Fri/Sat am only. Closed Wednesdays)

Discovery Centre: 19th October - 30th October

Elson Library: 2nd November - 13th November
(Mon/Sat am only. Closed Wednesdays)

How can I make comments?

The Draft Core Strategy Preferred Options will be accompanied with a response form which asks for your views.

Please return your response form to the Planning Policy Section by the **13th November 2009**.

APPENDIX 10

**CORE STRATEGY: PREFERRED OPTIONS
CONSULTATION LEAFLET REVISED
FRONT COVER**

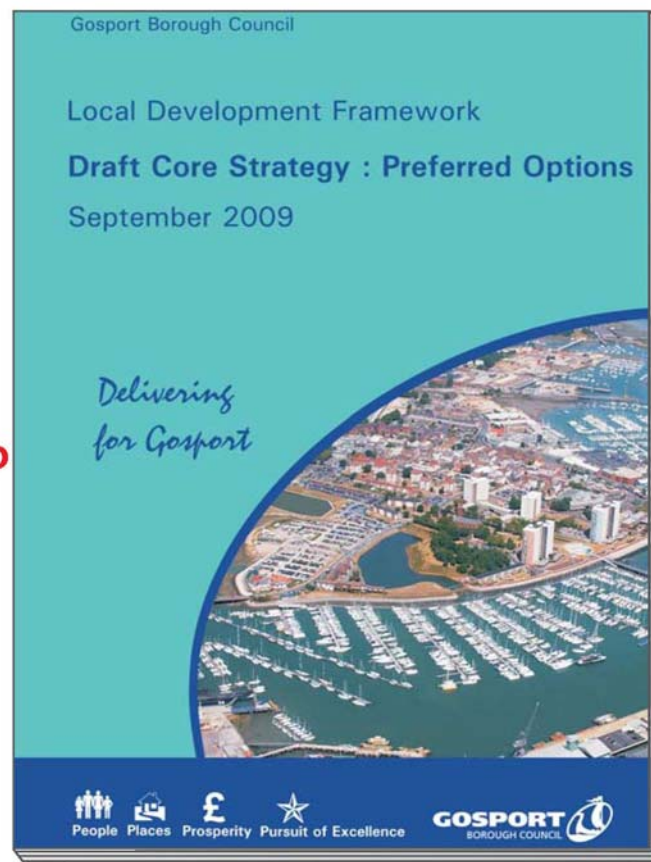


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4th December**



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APPENDIX 11

CORE STRATEGY: PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION LETTER LIST

Core Strategy: Preferred Options: Consultation Letter List

SPECIFIC CONSULTATION BODIES

British Gas Properties
 British Telecom Plc
 Cable & Wireless
 English Heritage
 Environment Agency
 Fareham Borough Council
 Government Office for the South East
 Homes and Communities Agency
 Hampshire County Council
 Highways Agency
 Isle of Wight Council
 Natural England
 Portsmouth Care Trust
 Portsmouth City Council
 Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust
 Portsmouth Water Plc
 Scottish & Southern Energy
 SEEDA
 Scotia Gas Networks Plc
 South Central Strategic Health Authority
 South East of England Partnership Board
 The Coal Authority

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Advanced Marine Innovation
 Affinity Sutton Homes Group
 Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (UK)
 AOPA
 Association of British Insurers
 British Marine Federation
 Business Link Wessex
 Chase & Partners
 Children's Services Department
 Coastal Defence Partnership
 CPRE Hampshire
 'Curves' Franchise
 Defence Estates
 Diocesan Office
 Enerlux Ltd
 First Hampshire & Dorset
 Freshwater Property Management
 Fusion On Line Ltd
 Groundwork Solent
 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
 Hampshire Community Healthcare
 Hampshire Constabulary
 Hampshire County Youth Service (HCYS)
 Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service
 HEP (Hampshire Economic Partnership)
 Hampshire Police Air Support Unit
 Havant and Portsmouth Coastal Partnership
 HM Naval Base
 Home Builders Federation
 Hugh Mark International
 Jehovah's Witnesses - Hampshire No.1 Circuit
 Lafarge Aggregates Limited
 Learning & Skills Council, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight
 Marine South East Ltd
 Maritime and Coastguard Agency

National Grid
 Naval Personal & Family Service
 Network Rail
 NHS Estates Invenures
 NHS Hampshire
 Outreach
 Persimmon Homes South Coast Ltd
 Persimmon Homes South East
 Planning Inspectorate
 Portsmouth & South East Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
 PUSH
 Qinetiq
 Royal Mail
 RSPB
 RYA
 SGN (Southern Gas Network)
 Smart Futures
 Solent Forum
 Solent Protection Society
 South East Hampshire Enterprise Agency
 South East Hants Green Party
 Southern Water
 Sport England South East
 STS Defence
 Terence O'Rourke
 Tetlow King Planning
 The British Wind Energy Association
 The Crown Estate
 the Environment Centre (tEC)
 The Gypsy Council
 The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain
 The Solent Electronic Home
 The Theatres Trust - to be contacted by email only
 Tourism South East
 Vector Aerospace International
 Woodland Trust

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

4 in-LINK
 Badgers Pre-School
 Bay House School
 Bellway Homes (Wessex)
 Bridgemary Centre
 Bridgemary Community School
 Brockhurst Baptist Church
 Browndown
 Brune Park Community College
 Churches Together in Gosport
 Crescent Owners Association
 CSSA Portsmouth Offshore Group
 Driving Standards Agency
 Drum Housing Association
 DSDA Gosport
 Elson Infant School
 Forton Bowling Club
 Friends of Crescent Garden
 Friends of Gosport Museum
 Friends of Stokes Bay
 Friends of the Hermitage
 Geo. Kingsbury Machine Tools Limited
 Gomer Infant School
 Gosport & Fareham Football League - Goblins
 Gosport & Fareham Soroptimist Intl
 Gosport Access Group for Disabled Persons
 Gosport Allotment Holders & Gardeners
 Association
 Gosport Allotment Holders & Gardeners
 Association
 Gosport and Fareham Friends of the Earth
 Gosport Bike Group
 Gosport Borough Girls & Ladies Football Club
 Gosport Business Centre
 Gosport Citizens Advice Bureau
 Gosport Community Responders
 Gosport Development Trust

Gosport Railway Society
 Gosport Society
 Gosport Town Centre Association
 Gosport Voluntary Action
 Gosport Youth Council
 Grange Junior School
 H.E.D.C.A.
 Hardway Sailing Club & Portsmouth &
 Langstone Harbour Sailing Association (PLSA)
 Hardway, Elson & Districts Community
 Association
 Haslar Marina
 Hermitage Housing Association
 HMS Sultan
 Holbrook Recreation Centre
 Holbrook Womens Institute
 Housing Forum
 Jacobs Well Care Centre
 League of Friends, Haslar
 Lee Business Association
 Lee Flying Association
 Lee-on-the-Solent Community Association
 Lee-on-the-Solent Junior School
 Lee-on-the-Solent Methodist Church
 Lee-on-the-Solent Residents Association
 Lee-on-the-Solent Tennis, Squash & Fitness
 Club
 Leesland CE Infant School
 Locks Heath Football Club
 Logos Community Church
 Member of Parliament
 Our Enterprise Haslar Ltd
 Peel Common Residents Association
 Pilbrow Court Residents Association
 Portsmouth Housing Association Ltd
 Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust
 Portsmouth Teaching PCT
 Rotary Club of Gosport

Rowner Bowling Club
 St Vincent College
 Sanderson Business Centre
 Solent Evening Women's Institute
 St Mary's Church
 St Vincent College
 Stoke Road Baptist Church
 Stoke Road Traders Association
 Stokes Bay Sailing Club
 The Anglesey Hotel
 Travellers Education Office
 Trinity Close Residents Association
 UK Online Centre, Gosport

COMMERCIAL COMPANIES

Alliance Environment and Planning Ltd -
 Contact by email only
 Allsop LLP
 Alsop Verrill LLP
 Barton Wilmore Planning Consultants
 Brimble, Lea & Partners
 Bryan Jezeph Consultancy
 Carter Jonas
 CB Richard Ellis
 Chris Thomas Ltd
 Cluttons LLP
 Colliers CRE
 Daniells Harrison Chartered Surveyors
 David Ames Associates
 DPDS Consultancy Group
 DPP
 Dreweatt Neate
 Drivers Jonas
 GL Hearn Property Consultants
 Goadsby Commercial
 Greystoke Investments
 GVA Grimley
 Hood House Limited

Kings Sturge
Lambert Smith Hampton
Lennon Planning Limited
Levvel Consulting Ltd
Marina Projects Limited
Martin Robeson Planning Practice
Martineau
Mayfair Investments
M J D & Co
Mono Consultants Limited
Nicholas John Architects
Notorious JTBC
Parker Torrington
Peacock & Smith
RPS
Scott Wilson
Smith Stuart Reynolds
Southern Planning Practice
SSR Planning
Stewart Ross Associates
Strutt and Parker
Tibbalds Planning & Urban Design
Tribal MJP
Turley Associates
Washbourne Greenwood Development
Planning
White Young Green Planning

Note: A number of individuals who had previously requested to be kept informed were sent consultation letters and copies of the Core Strategy: Preferred Options

APPENDIX 12

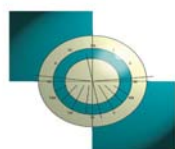
MEETINGS AND DIALOGUE HELD WITH STAKEHOLDERS IN CONSULTING ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE CORE STRATEGY: PREFERRED OPTIONS

Meetings and Dialogue Held With Stakeholders Subsequent to the Publication of the Core Strategy: Preferred Options

- Coastal Partnership
- Defence Estates
- Fareham Borough Council
- English Heritage
- Environment Agency
- Hampshire Wildlife Trust
- Natural England
- GOSE
- Gosport Business Forum
- Gosport Partnership
- Gosport Society
- Hampshire County Council including the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC), Education, Minerals and Waste and Transport teams. Regular liaison meetings held.
- Hampshire Economic Partnership
- Highway Agency
- Lee Residents Association
- Millngate Properties
- Ministry of Defence
- Network Rail
- Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH)
- Portsmouth City Council
- Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
- Portsmouth Water
- RPSB
- South East of England Development Agency (SEEDA)
- Southern Water
- Social Responsibility Group of the Gosport and Fareham Methodist Circuit
- Solent Business Chamber

APPENDIX 13

**GOSPORT PARTNERSHIP BOARD
MINUTES**



The Gosport Partnership

" Working Together For The Gosport Community "

Gosport Partnership Board Minutes Meeting held on 2 December 2009

Attendees:

| Attendee | Organisation | Thematic Sub Group |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Members | | |
| Jenny Bonsar | | Gosport Education Improvement Partnership |
| Cllr Chris Carter (Vice-Chairman) | Hampshire County Council | n/a |
| Eric Halton | Hampshire County Council | Gosport Children & Young People Locality Partnership (GCYPLP) |
| Cllr Mark Hook (Chairman) | Gosport Borough Council | n/a |
| Tim Houghton | Groundwork Solent | Gosport Transport and Sustainability Group (GTSP) |
| Chief Inspector Jason Kennedy | Hampshire Constabulary | Gosport Community Safety Partnership |
| Ian Lycett | Gosport Borough Council | n/a |
| Chief Superintendent Karen Manners | Hampshire Constabulary | Gosport Community Safety Partnership |
| David Miles | Gosport Voluntary Action | n/a |
| Steve Wain | St Vincent College | Gosport Employability & Skills Partnership (GE&SP) |
| Hazel Warwick | Portsmouth Housing Association | Fareham & Gosport Debt and Money Advice Group (F&GDMAG) |
| Supporting Officers | | |
| Mandy Baggaley (Item 4) | Gosport Borough Council | n/a |
| Jill Corbett | Hampshire County Council | n/a |
| Kate Fryatt | Hampshire County Council | n/a |
| Jo Hamilton | LSP-Co-ordinator | n/a |
| David Jago (Item 5) | Gosport Borough Council | n/a |

| Attendee | Organisation | Thematic Sub Group |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Members | | |
| | Council | |
| Jamie O'Reilly (Item 4) | Gosport Borough Council | Gosport Community Safety Partnership |
| Chris Payne (Item 3) | Gosport Borough Council | n/a |

Draft Local Development Framework Core Strategy

Chris Payne gave a presentation on the Core Strategy which is based on the joint consultation Make Your Mark with the LSP and also on the joint baseline data – Gosport's Sustainability Profile.

From the baseline data, a number of key issues have been identified:

- Climate change and sustainability
- Improving employment opportunities
- Improving accessibility and infrastructure
- Improving health and well-being, dealing with the consequences of an ageing population
- Meeting housing needs
- Maintaining vibrant centres, improving leisure and cultural facilities
- Improving the quality of the environment

Taking these into account and linking to the LSP's Sustainable Community Strategy, the Core Strategy's Spatial Vision to 2026 is:

- Aim to create a sustainable community
- Take advantage of regeneration opportunities
- Seek development in accessible areas reducing the need to travel.
- Seek to promote the local economy
- Provide a variety of housing types
- Maintain and enhance the distinctive local environment

Key development themes are:

Employment - minimum of 81,500 sq m of additional floorspace

Housing - minimum of 2,500 additional dwellings

Retail - up to 11,000 sq m of additional floorspace

Strategic sites include:

- Waterfront and Town Centre
- Daedalus (aviation, maritime). Working with SEEDA on Masterplan – employment-led development.
- Royal Hospital Haslar – has been acquired by R Enterprise for medical care.

- There will also be leisure and employment opportunities.
- Rowner – 700 new dwellings and revitalised community linked to
- new supermarket.
- Alver Valley – proposed country park

The Core Strategy will help to deliver the LSP's vision in its Sustainable Community Strategy.

In terms of floorspace, the aim is to build on the skills of the current workforce and concentrate on maritime, aviation, tourism and creative industries, not create warehousing.

Work is starting now on Haslar, Daedalus will be short to medium term and work on the waterfront and Town Centre is longer term.

At the moment, Gosport is ahead of its housing delivery targets.

The Board agreed that it supported the principles set out in the Core Strategy and thanked Chris for his presentation.

APPENDIX 14

**CORE STRATEGY: PREFERRED OPTIONS
SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION
RESPONSES**

Consultation was undertaken as part of Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 as amended on the Gosport Core Strategy: Preferred Options document from 5th October until 4th December 2009.

These are key points that have taken from letters of representation. These range from general comments about the issues to more detail comments on wording and emphasis. These comments together with empirical evidence from other studies will inform formulation of the 'Pre submission' stage of the Core Strategy.

The comments are reported in the order they appear in the Preferred Options document and should be read in conjunction with that document.

1. Profile of Gosport

- Support that a number of issues facing Gosport have been recognised including:
 - providing new employment;
 - improving cultural and leisure facilities;
 - improving health & well-being;
 - providing infrastructure and services;
 - creating a local and sub regional green infrastructure network;
 - use of water resources;
 - protecting the environment;
 - safeguarding the viability and vitality of centres.
- Development of brownfield sites (such as Haslar) can help address a number of the identified issues including the provision of new employment.
- Need to recognise that housing can be located on sites where accessibility can be improved not just sites that already have good accessibility.

2. Sub regional context

No comments received.

3. Vision and Spatial Objectives (SO)

- General support for the Vision and Strategic Objectives from most respondents.
- Concerns include:
 - difficult for the public sector (including the Council) to achieve the Vision;
 - the proposed BRT as currently proposed will achieve little;

- need to mention the quality of the Borough's historic built environment;
 - vision and objectives lack local distinctiveness;
 - vision should be one where residents and visitors can travel without traffic delay;
 - need to impose moratorium on all new building work until traffic flow chaos is resolved;
 - there should be greater protection of waterfront sites for marine employment and leisure facilities;
 - more emphasis needs to be given to the delivery of key infrastructure;
 - reference needs to be made regarding the needs of an ageing population;
 - protection should be given to important employment assets (aviation, marine);
 - elements of the vision/objectives should be more flexible (including statements relating to renewable energy, flood defences, provision of infrastructure).
- Suggestions made of how the Vision should refer to Haslar (including saving the Hospital, and providing health and care facilities as part of a mixed use site).
 - Vision should reflect the importance of the Daedalus for aviation and employment.

4. Sustainable Development

- Policy CS1 on Sustainable Development is superfluous.
- Support that the limit to the waste water treatment capacity at Peel Common has been recognised. Southern Water would also require explicit reference of the issue in the infrastructure section and more detailed criteria regarding waste water considerations to be included.
- Support for elements of CS1 and associated text including:
 - mention of pollution control;
 - the priority of development on brownfield land;
 - the need to reduce water consumption (but not at any cost);
 - the importance of protecting and enhancing biodiversity;
 - the importance of ensuring development is resilient and adaptable to climate change;
 - the need to reduce the risk of flood risk.
- Need to recognise the importance of protecting waterfront access for marine industries.

- Support from some key stakeholders for the Sustainable Construction Policy (CS2) (Environment Agency, Southern Water, PUSH and the RSPB).
- Concern regarding the achievability, cost effectiveness and desirability of securing level 6 of the Code for Sustainable Homes with regard to water efficiency (Portsmouth Water) also issues arising from ensuring these standards are enforced and that equipment used to achieving higher standards are maintained. Also necessary to ensure systems remain hygienic and that there no negative health impacts on residents (Southern Water).
- Need to ensure that the adoption of standards do not make developments unviable.
- Council should adopt standards in line with Government timescale not slightly ahead of them.

5. Spatial Strategy and Infrastructure

- General support has been given for an employment-led mixed use regeneration strategy as opposed to a residential (dormitory town) approach.
- Recognition that there is a need for more employment opportunities, which can assist with the reduction of congestion and compensate for jobs lost over recent years.
- The re-use of brownfield sites was supported.
- Support has been given to providing a range of business premises and meeting the needs of the Borough's existing clusters (marine, aviation, hi-tech manufacturing).
- Some opinions that there should be a higher employment floorspace figure to deliver the necessary job opportunities whereas others considered the figure is too high and there is not sufficient demand.
- Specific support has been given for employment at particular sites including Daedalus, Gosport Waterfront and the Haslar peninsula.
- View expressed that the Former Frater House site was not appropriate for employment purposes.
- With regard to residential development there is concern regarding the impact of residential development on congestion and existing services and that there is a need to ensure development is supported by

sufficient facilities (education, health, leisure and retail) to support the local population.

- There is concern that a 4,000 dwelling scenario is being tested and that a higher housing figure would contradict the Council's aim to maximise employment opportunities.
- Concern that higher housing figures would not be supported by sufficient infrastructure.
- Concern that this level of residential development has the potential to impact upon internationally important habitats.
- In relation to retail there was generally support for the protection and enhancement of existing centres, particularly improving the range of shops in Gosport Town Centre.
- Whilst there was support for the potential to extend the town centre into the Gosport Waterfront area concern was expressed to ensure that this does not detract from the existing town centre nor the potential for marine employment on the waterside.
- A view was expressed that the 11,000 sq.m figure of retail floorspace was too low and rather arbitrary and that a higher figure would be required to reduce the amount of expenditure lost to neighbouring areas.
- Support given to the Council's proposals to protect and enhance green infrastructure including maintaining existing settlement gaps.
- There is strong support for safeguarding existing facilities, particularly education, health and leisure facilities unless it can be clearly demonstrated there is no longer a need for a particular facility. Facilities should be located in accessible locations.
- With regard to infrastructure the following points were made:
 - the draft Plan is not supported by adequate evidence to demonstrate how, when and by whom the new infrastructure will be delivered;
 - information should be provided regarding the costs, funding and phasing;
 - further work is required regarding the required level of green infrastructure that is required;
 - insufficient consideration has been given regarding contingencies should the required infrastructure not be delivered;
 - there is a need to submit an infrastructure delivery plan;
 - specific infrastructure issues were highlighted including:
 - * the lack of capacity at the waste water treatment works at Peel Common at the end of the period;

- * the need to ensure the appropriate flood risk management infrastructure can be delivered;
 - * that mitigation measures are put in place with regard to the strategic highway.
 - Support for the Council's intention to secure infrastructure via developer contributions;
 - There is a need to consider viability issues when assessing the levels of contributions;
 - Support for the Council's intention to secure green infrastructure.
- With regard to green infrastructure the following views were expressed:
 - strong support from a number of agencies regarding the inclusion of a green infrastructure policy which recognises the multi-functionality of open space;
 - cross-boundary working is welcomed;
 - need to provide further clarity on the protection of open spaces;
 - need to be more explicit regarding the role of green infrastructure for deflecting visitor pressure on more sensitive sites; and
 - mention needs to be made of on-going evidence studies and the need to take account of the results.

6. Strategic Areas

- Detailed work on the strategic areas adds a place making element to and seems to be backed up by a significant evidence base.
- There are a number of comments common to all (or most) of the strategic areas (re-termed Regeneration Areas in the Pre-Submission version). These include:
 - the Council should be less prescriptive on the types of uses identified and allow more flexibility including greater flexibility to allow higher levels of dwellings if appropriate (Waterfront, Daedalus, Royal Hospital Haslar);
 - concern that the Habitat Regulation requirements have not been fully assessed for many of the sites (Waterfront, Daedalus, Haslar Peninsula, Rowner);
 - further consideration required regarding arrangements for waste water treatment (Waterfront, Town Centre, Daedalus, Haslar Peninsula, Rowner);
 - further consideration required of flood risk issues (Waterfront, Town Centre, Haslar Peninsula).
- Specific comments relating to the Gosport Waterfront include:
 - Support from a number of organisation regarding the development of this area;
 - need to protect access to deep water for marine industries;
 - the site should not detract from the Town Centre and other local centres;

- Falkland Gardens needs to be protected;
 - Need to ensure some form of ferry/bus interchange is maintained;
 - Housing should not be a prime focus for the site.
- Specific comments relating to the Gosport Town Centre include:
 - Support plans to improve the evening economy;
 - Borough Council could be more pro-active regarding town centre proposals.
- Specific comments relating to Daedalus include:
 - General support for an employment-led development site;
 - Whilst the importance of aviation is recognised, the Core Strategy should give more emphasis on the need to fully incorporate the airfield within future proposals for the Daedalus Waterfront area in order to deliver an economically viable employment-led development;
 - The airfield and SEEDA land must be placed in common control in order to deliver the desired economic objectives;
 - Daedalus has tremendous potential for marine industries;
 - Concern of the impact of the development on the Strategic Road Network;
 - Concern regarding the proposed western access and the impact on traffic going through Stubbington;
 - Concern regarding the suggested route of the east-west link road and impact on potential aviation uses;
 - Support and concern for a potential marina particularly in relation to the impact on important habitats);
 - The flexibility of wording could allow too many houses and undermine the employment maximisation aims for this site;
 - Off-site water supply works will be required;
 - Suggestions provided on providing a mechanism to secure necessary infrastructure.
- Specific comments relating to Royal Hospital Haslar include:
 - Site should be maintained as a hospital;
 - Need to encourage a wide range of figures for the site;
 - Support expressed for a health/care-led mixed use regeneration site;
 - Difficult to insist on ensuring improved bus and waterbus improvements;
 - Concern regarding road access to the site (and Blockhouse);
 - More emphasis required on the need to restore historic buildings and therefore need to be more flexible on uses;
 - Concern regarding the viability of delivering a mixed use site when considering the potential infrastructure requirements (such as affordable housing);
 - Constraints relating nature conservation, contamination and flood risk are acknowledged.

- Specific comments relating to Blockhouse include:
 - Support for the regeneration of Blockhouse including marine and tourism uses;
 - Blockhouse is likely to be released in the short-medium term;
 - Site already has significant living accommodation;
 - Need to protect playing field.

- Specific comments relating to Rowner include:
 - general support for the proposals to regenerate the Rowner area;
 - proposals for the wider Rowner area (outside of the specific Rowner Renewal scheme) will not need to be included within the forthcoming Site Allocations and Delivery DPD as it is included as part of the Rowner Strategic Area [now referred to as Regeneration Areas];
 - Plan contains too much detail (e.g. green corridors);
 - Include details regarding recent consents but not include outline consent proposals in policy;
 - Concerns regarding viability when dealing with infrastructure requirements (such as affordable housing, transport, education).

- Specific comments regarding the Alver Valley:
 - Support for the creation of a Country Park;
 - The site is an important part of green infrastructure network for the sub-region;
 - Is the Park deliverable if proposals for the Portsmouth FC training club do not come to fruition?

7. Design and Heritage

- Support for merging design and heritage elements.

- Need to ensure applications are supported by the relevant design information.

- Support for the need to find viable uses for historic buildings.

- Support for the need for historic sites to have design principles-further guidance may be required.
- Support for the incorporation of biodiversity within the design of new development.

- The areas listed should include the “Marine Parade Area of Special Character.

8. Economy and Employment

- Support for an employment-led strategy.
- Support for the protection of important employment assets (marine, aviation).
- Support for recognizing the need to build on existing clusters particularly marine industries.
- Concerns regarding the impact of the proposed SDA North of Fareham on Gosport should not be included in the Core Strategy.
- The Council should be more flexible on allowing other uses on existing employment sites.
- The proposed employment land requirements are too optimistic.
- Policy should include reference to the role of ICT.
- Support for the role that Daedalus and the Royal Hospital Haslar site can play in attracting new employment.
- Viability issues need to be considered on the Gosport Waterfront in terms of the types of employment uses that could be accommodated.
- Recognition that Sultan could be an important employment site if released.
- Support for the Council's policy to aim to improve skills in the Borough.
- Little detail is provided in how the Council aims to improve skill levels in the Borough.
- Support for the Council's commitment to strengthen Gosport's links with the coast and maritime heritage within Portsmouth Harbour.
- Stokes Bay should be developed for tourism.
- Further details need to be included on how tourism proposals link with the town centre and new transport proposals.
- Concern regarding how tourism related development will impact upon internationally important habitats.
- Need to ensure the tourism policy protects and improvise existing marina and marine-related visitor attractions and where possible expanding the range of such facilities.

- Need to include criteria to protect important interest (historic buildings, nature conservation and residential amenity) in the tourism policy.

9. Transport and Accessibility

- Policy and supporting text should follow the principles of “Reduce, Manage and Invest”.
- A review of Delivering a Sustainable Transport System (DaSTS) required.
- Further work on Infrastructure Planning is required to provide a robust and credible evidence base.
- Identification of mitigation measures is required to minimise the individual/ cumulative impacts of developments.
- Further consideration required as to which schemes are included in the Policy and / or supporting text (such as where schemes are within an adjacent administrative area).
- Some concerns over details of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) scheme in relation to cycling facilities.

10. Housing

- Affordable housing percentages in the Borough need to be set at an appropriate level and also contain a degree of flexibility.
- Ensure affordable housing requirements are not prohibitive to development of brownfield land, where higher costs are incurred.
- Need for evidence to justify viability of affordable housing.
- Need to have regard to the SE Plan regional density figure of 40 dwellings per hectare.
- Need to indicate when higher densities are more appropriate.
- There should be a threshold above which a mix of development types, size and tenure are required.
- The access and design statements should be used to justify rather than inform residential densities.

11. Retail and Community Facilities

- Proactive approach towards provision of new retail floorspace in the Borough has been welcomed and recognition of the need to stem leakage of retail expenditure to outside of the Borough.
- Clarification sought on out-of-centre proposals.
- Enhancement required in document to emphasise strategic role of different centres and the scale of retail development considered to be appropriate.
- The role of the Gosport Waterfront in supporting the longer term regeneration of the wider town centre is welcomed.
- Policy needs to be more flexible in order to allow for public service providers to be responsive to evolving service needs.
- Concern raised about the ability of the policy as worded to influence non Council owned facilities and protect existing community facilities.

12. Open Space

- Policy should address the issue of anti-social behaviour.
- Concerns regarding the Council's intention to protect existing open spaces including;
 - sites currently not accessed by the public should not be protected;
 - greater flexibility should be given to the development of school playing fields;
 - the development of open spaces can provide other community benefits.
- The protection of existing open spaces is supported.
- The provision of open space in connection with new residential development is supported.
- The provision of new open space as part of a residential development may not always be viable.
- Explicit reference to the protection and creation of additional allotments is required.
- An up-to date evidence base is required to demonstrate that there is a deficiency of open space.

- Need to ensure that greater access to the coast and countryside does not affect important habitats.

13. Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

- Support from a number of environmental agencies and local groups.
- Policy could be considered as too detailed for the Core Strategy.
- Amendment required to justification text to better reflect legislation relating to European sites.

14. Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion

- It was recognised that that where redevelopment is ongoing as part of an existing regeneration strategy in flood zones 2 and 3 it has to be accepted that the redevelopment cannot go anywhere else, as there are no other reasonably available sites. It was considered essential that the decisions are supported by a clear, robust evidence base demonstrating how they were reached. It was also considered that the Core Strategy should be supported by evidence of the physical flood risk management infrastructure required to enable the delivery of the development proposed.
- The Core Strategy will need to demonstrate whether any flood risk management infrastructure is needed to make the proposed development sites safe from flooding across their lifetimes, and if so, how and when it will be delivered.
- It is important to consider deliverability of sites within the context of flood risk.

15. Implementation and Monitoring

- The Strategic Infrastructure Table lacks details such as funding and timescales.
- Specific concerns relating the provision of cemeteries, waste water treatment, indoor leisure facilities.
- Support that the Annual Monitoring report will be used to monitoring the policies of the Core Strategy.

16. Other Comments on the Core Strategy

- General support from a number of organisations regarding the Core Strategy as a whole and its policies.

- The document does not focus on the single most important factor which is the transport infrastructure.
- The strategy does not fully embrace the integrated spatial approach.
- No indication of what happens after 2026.
- It would be useful if there was an abridged version.
- The consultation period was too short.

17. Sustainability Appraisal

- Of the three options assessed for the spatial strategy, the first and second options are in particular supported, which emphasise an employment-led regeneration of brownfield sites (Option 1) and an employment-led regeneration with a greater emphasis of enabling mixed-use development on key regeneration sites.
- There is uncertainty regarding how the required infrastructure necessary to support the Council's Preferred Strategy will be delivered, when it will be provided, and by whom. In assessing options the Assessment has failed to give adequate regard to the question of resources and how their availability might affect the options available to the Council.

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