



P41 L23 Help facilitate & promote the 'proposed' English Coastal Path which will be routed through the SPD area  
Bourne Square?

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

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

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

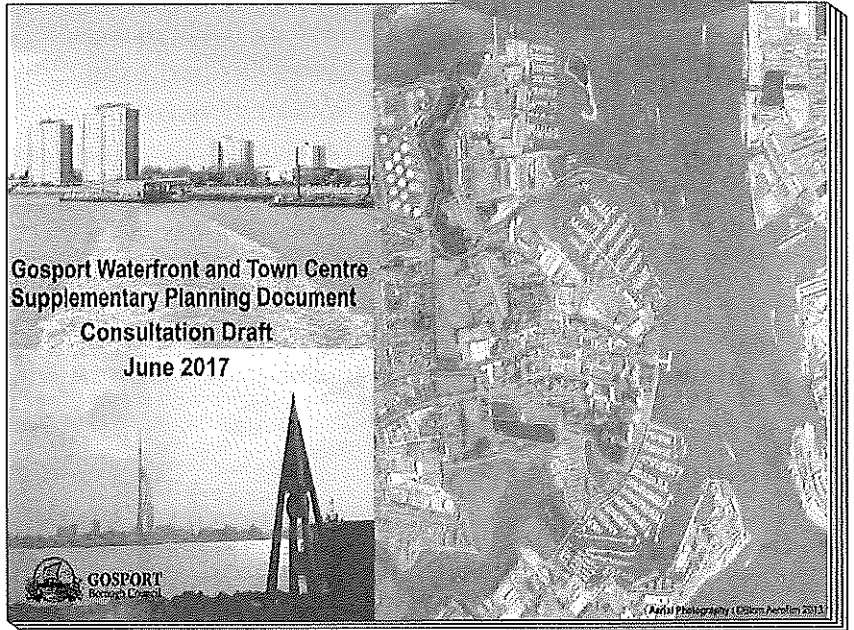
[www.gosport.gov.uk/waterfrontspd](http://www.gosport.gov.uk/waterfrontspd)

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

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

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

Comments will need to be submitted to Gosport Borough Council by 19th September 2017



### Vision (page 5 of the SPD)

1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?

yes

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

2. Do you have any comments regarding the **strengths** of the Waterfront and Town Centre area identified in the SPD? (eg. agree, disagree, any additional ones?)

Just take out the words 'proposed' from travel to English Coastal Path under the Tourism section p10. It is happening as I write

3. Do you have any comments regarding the **weaknesses** of the Waterfront and Town Centre area identified in the SPD? (eg. agree, disagree, any additional ones?)

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

4. Do you have any comments regarding the **opportunities** of the Waterfront and Town Centre area identified in the SPD? (eg. agree, disagree, any additional ones?)

Release of important waterfront sites provide a major opportunity which must not be wasted.

5. Do you have any comments regarding the **challenges** of the Waterfront and Town Centre area identified in the SPD? (eg. agree, disagree, any additional ones?)

The challenges re reduction in owned spaces also provide opportunities

**Themes** (including the objectives, principles and examples given)

6. Please include any comments you may have regarding:

**Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape** (page 19 of the SPD)**Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities** (page 26 of the SPD)**Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience** (page 29 of the SPD)**Theme D: Providing New Homes** (page 32 of the SPD)**Theme E: Improving Accessibility** (page 34 of the SPD)

Cycling is very important to Gosport. Existing cycle paths leave a great deal to be desired - they are not designed by anyone who has ever ridden a cycle (up + down kerbs, awkward road x mg, wrong priorities at junctions etc).

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

Very pleased to see the potential of the water front + Gosport Lines is proposed for development of better access facilities - particularly creation of new through routes for walkers/cyclists

Really like these proposals - they would be a great improvement to our lovely town.

**Themes** (including the objectives, principles and examples given)

Please include any comments you may have regarding:

**Theme G: Managing Flood Risk** (page 44 of the SPD)
**Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure** (page 49 of the SPD)
**Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town** (page 50 of the SPD)

i find it intriguing that a plan such as this can have such an aspiration. You only have to walk through other local towns - Winchester, Lymington, Romsey, Chichester, to realise Gosport does have a problem with obesity. I would be pleased to think that more attractive environments help create better health.

**Character Areas** They must at least help people feel better about themselves.

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

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

The bus station needs to be very close & convenient for the Ferry - takes people away from Gosport I know, but it is important that a very short & direct walking route is created. Love the idea of opening route through Campers - that would be a MAJOR

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

Again the waterfront access maintenance and enhancement is a very important consideration.

**Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area** (page 61 of the SPD)

Using oil pipeline as access good idea, as is route through ramparts. Like the idea of link route through. Any chance of getting one nearer the water and OAPA jetty - need

**North of the High Street** (page 64 of the SPD)

consideration at least - depends on land release I know

**The High Street and associated areas** (page 67 of the SPD)

## Character Areas

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### South Street (page 70 of the SPD)

### Trinity Green area (page 73 of the SPD)

### Haslar Marina (page 77 of the SPD)

Proposals 6 + 7 would greatly improve pedestrian routes through the area. 'All weather' does not have to mean kermae though.

### The Gosport Lines (page 79 of the SPD)

As one of the special features of Gosport I feel anything to develop accessibility and visibility off of these is good. I love the idea of a Gosport lines route, opening up the railway tunnel, opening up the northern section of ramparts to view. What an opportunity!

### Overall comments

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

But can comment that the overminting of Pireal Coere, which despite being protected here now multiplied to a high huge extent, are affecting decisions regarding what I see is now called Andenthads.

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

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

Yes. Just include the English Coast Path as a more important feature of the new proposals - within sight + sound of the sea is the brief + many of your proposals will enhance this - so sell it in the plan. See also comment on cycling in additional space

**Any further comments?**

11. Please include any comments you may have

I was disappointed to see only <sup>one</sup> ~~reference~~ <sup>ref</sup> to the "proposed" English Coastal Path. I would point out that the 'proposals' for the stretch from Hayling to Old Portsmouth have either just been or will be done in the next few days. Initial investigations have nearly been completed regarding the stretch from Old Portsmouth to Gosport which, along with the route from Southampton to Gosport, is next on the list. So it is not 'proposed', it is actually coming to fruition. I have worked hard to persuade English Nature to

\*More space available on the back page. (could)

**Contact details**

12. Please could you complete your contact details.

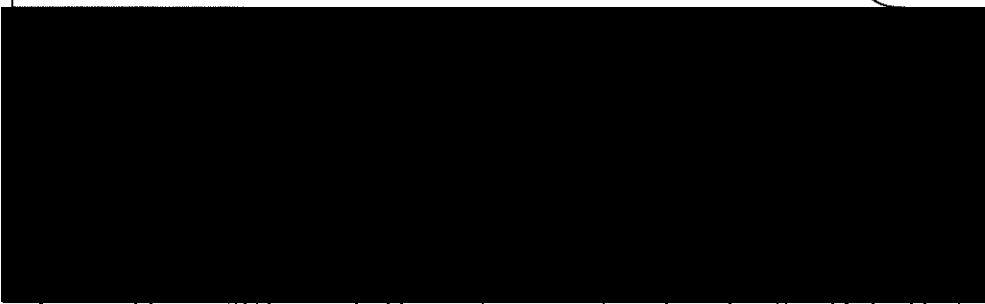
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**Returning responses**

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

or emailed to [planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk)

**What happens next?**

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

Additional space for comments.

divert the route from the initial proposal to use the Gosport Ferry to taking the path around Portsmouth Harbour, a longer but more scenic route, in order to encompass some more interesting features en-route - the Clarence Yard complex, Millennium Bridge, Explosion, Portsmouth Castle etc.

Many of the proposals in this plan will greatly enhance this path eg route through C+W, through currently retained part of Oil Refueling depot etc.

As a town where cycling is very important, I think the plan could put more emphasis on improved cycle provision. I know you mention storage, hire & I'm sure these are important.

However, the routes that cyclists use also need consideration. They need to be direct, safe, (for pedestrians as well - bike + people don't always mix well) have very good surface, and most of all, avoid the constant slowing/stopping and starting that characterises some other cycle routes in the borough.