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**To:** Planning Policy Internet  
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Hello,

I have had a look at your proposals and I think they are very exciting - assuming they can actually come to fruition.

Gosport has so much going for it, I think it is essential to make the most of the wonderful history and buildings that we have.

Regeneration of the High Street is essential - I was dismayed yesterday to see yet another pound shop opening!

There is one mention in your plan of some facilities for artists. As a local professional artist (using the name Ailsa Brims [REDACTED]) I am fed up with having to go to Portsmouth for any artist communities and facilities such as studios and galleries. Gosport has a huge resource of very talented artists and I am sure you know how Portsmouth has nurtured its cultural community over the last few years, with groups like Artspace (a collection of well equipped studios in an old church), Aspex Gallery in Gunwharf and of course Hotwalls.

These places have shown that with help, artists can create a cultural quarter which then brings in business, small shops and crafts can also be added, with cafes and a gallery for exhibitions.

This week is Hampshire Open Studios and yet again it shows how the public love to visit artists in their studios - if we had access to affordable studios, in a good location, it would not take long for some regeneration to take place as visitors come and see us work and chat with us.

Unfortunately, artists don't actually make much money, I have another career to actually pay the bills as do many others, so taking on a building with rent and business rates is just unobtainable without help from the Council.

I am happy to come and discuss at any time

Best regards,

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