

## Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre SPD comments form

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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	At no point does there seem to be any reference to infrastructure improvements, eg, roads
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?)	There will never be more diverse retail units unless the roads are improved. Increasing residential areas and decreasing parking will just add to the decline of the town area
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?)	Road congestion is not just a perception but a fact
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?)	The redevelopment of Haslar will just increase traffic problems locally, so will the release of Blockhouse. Any additional cafes will just take trade away from existing establishments
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?)	Gosport will never be able to compete with Portsmouth so we shouldn't try. Much better to be quirky/individual. Internet shopping will increase so we have to allow for that. Again, infrastructure is an issue

Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape	Creating a "landmark" building on the bus station site should not mean multi-storey flats to sell to wealthy people who will resent the locals and price them out of the market. We should be retaining the unique view of the harbour which extends up the High Street. Redevelopment of North Cross Street is long overdue and to be welcomed
Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities	Creating employment opportunities will be terrific but it is difficult to see how jobs can be created without improving the road infrastructure
Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience	I think focusing the shopping and leisure on the upper end of the High Street is shortsighted. Gosport's unique selling point is the harbour and the views and we should enhance and celebrate them. The way to enhance the shopping would be to encourage quirky, unusual retailers to open shops in the small, historic buildings and make the most of what is actually a very attractive area
Theme D: Providing New Homes	Why try to squeeze more homes into an already ridiculously overcrowded area, with acute transport problems and no health provision? Creating "highly desirable" development means rich people buying out local residents, or charging them huge amounts to live in their own town. What about the locals? Building on all the car parks is mad, surely you would need to create more spaces, not less
Theme E: Improving Accessibility	What does "reprovide" mean? Walpole Park as overflow parking should not be allowed (and wouldn't be needed if the car parks hadn't been built on). There is little enough green space in the town and what there is should be treasured, not abused
Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision	Why can't there be a "Cultural Quarter" around/close to the ferry? People will not travel from Portsmouth for events if they then have to walk up the High Street to get to them
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	Seems sensible
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	No mention of road improvements to the town. Hospital/health provision is already overburdened and failing and QA is a disaster area. Schools?
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	Encouraging cycling is a good idea, as long as it is separated from pedestrians - not on pavements
The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	This would be a great opportunity to enhance the views along the harbour. An enormous block built on the bus station site would not do this
Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	If the lorry park is closed where do the lorries go? There are already issues with lorries parking in the north of the town
Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	Lack of parking has paralysed this area and needs to be addressed before any further development. It could be a great space and an asset to the town
North of the High Street	More development in this area would need improved infrastructure. Again, where are the schools/doctors surgeries?

The High Street and associated areas	The best area for a cultural/performance space is at the harbour end of the High Street. The Town Hall should have been demolished years ago as it has always been an eyesore and doesn't improve with age....
South Street	This whole document seems to consider residential development as a first resort. I would suggest that the nature of the High Street area is such that more residential use would be just to add more problems to the nightmare that is currently the A32
Trinity Green area	Building on Trinity Green will destroy the character of a quiet and beautiful area of the town, which would not be mitigated by any amount of waffle about under-utilised areas
Haslar Marina	
The Gosport Lines	Some good ideas here - if they ever happen
8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?	Please do not suggest extending events at Walpole Park. Consider the existing residents who have to put up with the noise and mess
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?	
11. Please include any comments you may have	Please stop referring to "under utilised" space, just because there isn't a building on it. Such space is valuable and neededThe transport/schools/medical infrastructure needs to be dealt with BEFORE any further development. Usually it seems to be promised up front but not delivered.We will never be able to compete with Gunwharf, but we could have independent shops and traders, be a bit quirky and different and the whole town could be centred (as it always was), on the amazing view of the harbour which gradually unfolds as you walk down the High Street. Try it an seeAn enormous block of flats on the bus station site isn't going to contribute anything but shade
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