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I would like to request that the consultation period is extended by at least a month on the grounds that there are still too many residents who aren't aware of the plans and the consultation.

I believe this is necessary especially as the Chairman of the Economic Development Board Mr Stephen Philpott has stated on video published on Thursday 22nd June on 'The News' site, that he wants "Anyone and everyone to have their say".

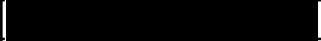
Sincerely
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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	Too much development in such a small designated are, will not enhance Gosport. It is already saturated with housing.
2. Do you have any comments regarding the strengths of the Waterfront and Town Centre area identified in the SPD? (eg. agree, disagree, any additional ones?)	Disagree, Hotel facilities are not required in this area, no details on improved infrastructure, and no addition facilities for the residents of Gosport.
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?)	No building should commence until road accessibility is improved, Public Transport and parking is already too expensive, preventing the less well off residents in Gosport being able to take advantage of what is naturally available in this area. Additional luxury homes would not enhance Gosport.
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?)	I believe this will be short term employment during the renovation so inappropriate to say increased employment.
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?)	There is no public transport for evening economy, buses cease at 1900 except the E1 and E2. The Market needs much attention, it would not attract anyone to visit.

Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape	Improved facilities ie Quality toilets at the Ferry Gardens, and keeping the area clean and well maintained would make a bigger impact. Present facilities should be reinstated until a decision is made as this is causing distress to many. There are plenty of existing buildings to suffice restaurants and cafes, and reducing the size of the bus station is possible but a high rise block of flats would not create an attractive townscape. A layman had a visionary outline of the area which enhanced and greatly improved the area. (see what the residents of Gosport should know)
Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities	Unable to identify any significant employment opportunities for the amount of money being invested in this project.
Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience	There are enough bars and eateries for visitors. Our sailing fraternity are well catered for and many do not wish to stay in hotels they prefer to remain on their yachts. To enhance the Leisure experience for the residents of Gosport should include facilities for the younger generation, ie bowling alley and cinema.
Theme D: Providing New Homes	Other sites, such as Daedalus and Sultan, are still in the offing, no new residents will come into area to live in a housing estate. Housing is now too dense, and all this additional housing in the town with insufficient facilities will cause difficulties for the residents now and will deteriorate within 10 years.
Theme E: Improving Accessibility	Nothing outlined suggests improved accessibility and whilst the bus station needs renovated and redesigned, possibly made smaller, residential housing (15 storeys high) is not acceptable nor necessary. Parking needs to be retained close to the shops for the less mobile drivers needing access to the town for banking and shopping.
Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision	Retain the Ferry gardens and reinstate fountain, this is a very important area and elderly residents enjoy a rest here, whilst watching the harbour, high rise flats would throw a shadow right across this important area.
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	Road management is essential to protect existing housing from flooding and to stop erosion of low lying areas. This should be sensitively implemented without taking away the residents access to all areas.
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	Saturation point for housing has been reached and the need to improve Victorian sewers and basic supplies all need to be reviewed before any further housing is considered.
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	Safer cycling routes are essential, along with reduced parking fees, would enable more families to use the beach and open spaces to encourage their children to make the most of the area and enjoy what is available.

The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	Falkland Gardens should be retained in its entirety, any replacement building for the bus station should not be any higher than existing building, no more high buildings, we do not have the fire service to accommodate any more high rise buildings. Three storey buildings with garaging underneath, and giving a more open vista for everyone, even Georgian architecture to recapture Gosport as it was and gell with some of the lovely archetecture we have retained.
Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	Where are all the cars going to park and boats wintered if we us that land, we will be turning boatmen away not encouraging them to moor in Gosport.
Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	This is a very underused area, with very confusing car parking, thus emphasizing its over building, units still haven't been opened. Gosport is going to be at a total standstill, with no benefits to the residents.
North of the High Street	Sounds very congested and it is taking away the basic look of Gosport, so grateful the High Street skyline is protected, any new buildings should be instructed to blend in. Hope the seating in the High Street is more useable, many can't sit in the existing seating. The bike racks are more inappropriate than the old ones, and have been placed in the wrong places for the users.
The High Street and associated areas	Maintain the original look of the High Street, any new buildings to blend in, no modern design that stands out like a sore thumb. All passageways to be retained, they are Gosport Heritage and enough has been lost over the past 10 years.
South Street	Shopping units with two storey buildings above would be suitable providing there is sufficient parking for the working and customers.
Trinity Green area	If housing is built here, parking with two storeys on top that blends in with the vision of the waterfront should be built to enhance Gosport but should be tradition and not modern.
Haslar Marina	What do the yachtmen need, do we really need expansion? after all we are reducing areas for the boatmen in Mumby Road.
The Gosport Lines	This needs to be sympathetically addressed, in traditional brick, and should be available for the retired and elderly so they can get the full benefit of the town, and would release more larger houses throughout the town for families.

8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?	There are a number of Georgian buildings around Gosport, this should be the basis for any buildings. We do not need any more tower blocks as Gosport is already at saturation point. Any houses/flats sold should have a caveat that states only home ownership, or landlords will take them over and charge exorbitant rents so they will no longer be affordable to the residents of Gosport
9. Are there any other sites within the Waterfront and Town Centre area which have potential for development?	no
10. Please can you give any suggestions of what else the Council should consider to include in the final version of the SPD?	Listen to what the residents of Gosport would like - no modern glass buildings that will do nothing to enhance Gosport, we need brick buildings that will last for future generations. The voice of the people of Gosport is more important than consortium profits or we will be here again and again.
11. Please include any comments you may have	There should be an embargo so no more buildings are allowed to be built for the next 20 years, or we will be losing all our younger generation, they do not want to live in a concrete estate with no facilities nor green areas, we cannot encourage a wider range of shops with no foot fall, and this is already evident, it will only get worse if we build any more. There are many full-time working couples in Gosport, who can't get on to the housing ladder, whilst paying such high rents, so no more luxury flats - consider the majority of the residents of Gosport.
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