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Comments re: Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre SPD

Dear Sir/Madam

Whilst I do think the people of Gosport would welcome investment in their town, I do believe that is not just a case of building more houses, encouraging more business, enhancing the shopping and leisure experience and creating new employment, you need to be able to retain what you encourage to come to the town, how will this be done?

The infrastructure needs to be in place allowing easy access to the town thus encouraging more people to visit. There is also the fundamental issue of Doctors, Dentists, Hospital and Policing services if it is planned to build more houses and encourage more people to visit. These facilities cannot cope already let alone the thought of more people needing to use them, there appears to be no provision for this and thus is a real concern.

With regard to housing whilst it is necessary to have more homes, it is important that consideration is given to the type of properties that are built and the people who will occupy them.

One thing that I am particularly against is the proximity of any proposed cafe/restaurant along the promenade if situated adjacent to Seaward Towers/Watergate residences. Watergate has traditionally housed older residents who enjoy the peace and quiet the last thing we would want is revellers leaving cafe's/restaurants causing a nuisance, especially late at night. Surely this type of facility would be better placed along the promenade away from local residential housing.

I trust you will take my concerns into consideration when taking forward your vision for the future of Gosport.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Hillier