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To: Planning Policy Internet
Subject: Waterfront SPD

Dear planning dept,

I am responding to your invitation on future plans for Gosport waterfront.

As a new resident to the area my observations are from what may be considered as an outsider.

The plans I have seen are very comprehensive and quite detailed but seem to lack what I think are major projects.

What does the department believe Gosport can offer in this scheme that is different from Portsmouth, Fareham, or Southampton, as it must be something substantially different to attract the number of people required throughout the year to make this project work.

As a resident of Lee on the Solent we want to be green and use public transport, however considering our last bus from Gosport is 19-20 we cannot even eat out in Gosport, without taking the car. Parking is expensive in Gosport, unless you park in Morrisons, but in your plan it suggests that the car parks are underused. You plan to reduce parking places and yet want increase footfall to the area. Interesting.

So, we need to make Gosport a destination. The Gosport ferry is there already. I see by your plans that you are trying to maximise the views of the harbour.

Add to that something like a Disneyland, independent shops, nothing like the shops over the water. Proper restaurants with public transport to support them. The navy is such a part of Gosport, but walking round the town you would never know.

I'm sure you have noticed that the Discovery Centre and library are often full of people. The exhibitions are usually excellent. At the moment there is the juxtaposition of this culture and lots of pound shops.

As if there was no actual planning.

Be sure, the ratepayers are watching, and will not forgive a waste of money. To find the catalyst to pull everything together that you require is going to take a lot of consultation with many outside interests and some very creative thinking.

Come on. Surprise and delight us!

Yours sincerely Barry Johnson

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