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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	A surrealist fantasy - is Gosport hoping in its wildest dreams to be twinned with Cloud Cuckoo Land? How can you attract new sustainable independent and name brand chains to the town when there are so many vacant premises that have remained empty without reaching their full potential? If the building of new estates and businesses does go ahead how will the local traffic cope? The current main roads are insufficient and time and time again the government scraps plans to ease traffic congestion. The local GPs are perpetually under performing, yet with expected influx of your proposal you have made no plans to improve the currently strained medical facilities.
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?)	Strength: To redevelop the ancient bus station and emulate what they have done to the Hard without losing vital access to the ferry or compromising local bus services any further. Weaknesses: By proposing to build on existing car parks and delivery bays will not only limit parking, but deter people visiting the town. Are the planners not aware of these detrimental effect that the High Street pedestrianisation in the 1980's when similar proposals were implemented?
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?)	What is the point in these regeneration schemes for the town centre when previous attempts at Priddy's Hard/Gilkicker/Haslar etc, failed to attract their full potential or not yet proved successful of have been conveniently forgotten/neglected/scrapped (whatever) as not financially viable as interest and investment was/is so sorely lacking. How about an entertainment complex say, a arts centre with a theatre and venue function that is central to the town and that would benefit from a close proximity to the bus station and ferry? Apart from the Thorngate Halls which doesn't offer enough variety for the town it is shameful that a place the size of Gosport does not even have a cinema, and that once again Portsmouth and Fareham are the nearest alternatives (the same can also be said for live music venues, not so much Fareham but Portsmouth and Southsea) and again due to public transport limitations it can be a strain getting back to Gosport late at night.
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?)	It would be nice if there were some incentives offered to try and attract restaurants to the town centre. I've nothing against the ever increasing tide of cafes opening but it would be nice if there was an option to eat out in style rather than embrace the take-away culture that is so prevalent.

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?)	N/C (No Comment)
Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape	I note that there is a wish to maintain the towns green areas yet at the same time there are plans to build housing projects on them, including the green area between Harbour Towers and Hammond Court. And the small green lawn areas outside Hammond Court and Blake Court (as well as the much needed car park) are also ear marked for potential redevelopment. There seems to be a set of confusing double standards here and a complete lack of transparency regarding what definitely would be in the best interests for both the current residents and potential newcomers.
Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities	Wonderful opportunities abound for the building industry, those who are charged with the redevelopment works will no doubt be very happy at the prospect, but as Gosport cannot attract business and sadly features regularly in the Top 10 worst places to live in the UK, due to high unemployment, housing and quality of life, what guarantees (if any) are there that there will be any viable sustainable economic and employment structure for any long term sustainability when all the works are done? We've heard all this before and again looking at places like Priddy's Hard demonstrate that the intended business/retail site failed to take off so what guarantee is there that there will be a durable economic infrastructure to support any new prospects and who will be financially liable if/when it fails?
Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience	Need to presently attract new commerce to the town centre (both independent and big name) to demonstrate there is a long term chance for future prosperity before building new premises. There should be incentives to encourage business start-ups and growth locally so any future potential businesses can see what the town has to offer, and what the council can do to induce them here. I know there are schemes like this already, but perhaps they should be re-evaluated and rethought out.

Theme D: Providing New Homes	Social housing will always be an issue and if the new estates, flats etc go ahead what proportion will be assigned to those in need? With all this proposed influx of residents where will they all work, as mentioned there is not the employment infrastructure locally, so how will building a few shops and then staffing them supply jobs for the thousands of new locals? What impact will they have on traffic, the roads in to Gosport are a gridlocked nightmare at certain key times of the day as it is? How will the local GPs cope? At a recent meeting it was explained that Gosport cannot attract experienced GPs to the area, and that has accounted for the decline in standards in quality of care, amongst other reasons. So if there are no new GP surgeries and a fully functional hospital on the Gosport Peninsular how will the medical authorities cope in the future?
Theme E: Improving Accessibility	By proposing on building on existent car parks and loading areas you are restricting parking even more. How will the town cope if people can't park near and can't be bothered to walk the distance in to the centre. Again did the pedestrianisation of the High Street in the 1980's not demonstrate how much of a negative impact on business it had as people weren't able to park close enough. It is vital that these spaces remain, especially as disabled access to the High Street is fairly close and from personal experience is retained when faced with acute mobility issues and walking even the most shortest distances. How will businesses cope if their loading bay areas are taken away? Where will those who work in Portsmouth and catch the ferry park? Surely, the parking revenue would be sorely missed and how will that missing revenue be replaced?
Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision	The open spaces in the town centre and along the Waterfront are perfect as they are (with the exception of The Time Space - how about relocating the sun dial so it actually works?)
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	Ideally this is far more a priority than implementing new impractical retail centres and housing. What is the point investing in new projects if the current proposed areas are at severe risk of flood and lack the proper measures to prevent injury and damage. Who in their right mind would risk living or starting a business if there are no protective anti-flood barriers and measures already in place?
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	You cannot force people to exercise or dictate to eat healthily, the government have been trying for years with varying degrees of success. If you wish to encourage exercise locally within the town centre then open an affordable sports centre which is more easy to get to than Holbrook. (Of course you could choose to walk/cycle to/from Holbrook, that would increase your daily fitness regime!)

The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	The Falkland Gardens are lovely, laid out neatly, nice views and don't need anything doing to them. They make a great visual welcoming statement to visitors from Portsmouth...however, as much as I love the character of the ancient Bus Station it is a dilapidated crumbling mess. I would like to see it demolished and a new one similar to the new replacement over The Hard, Portsmouth Harbour. Something practical, clean and aesthetically pleasing whilst retaining ease of access to the buses, free toilet facilities and a couple of cafes. Retain the Tourist Information centre and coerce the bus company to re-open their information shop and ticket office.
Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	N/C (No comment)
Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	N/C
North of the High Street	Again the town cannot currently attract new sustainable independent and chain stores to the already vacant premises that line the High Street. Building more business premises because they make the town look nice is sheer folly.
The High Street and associated areas	What attractions has Gosport got to offer that would justify the construction of a hotel above the shops? Gosport isn't a place that can offer a seven days a week vibrant nightlife. Places of interest are scarce (Explosion! Submarine Museum and both of those can be done in a day max). There simply isn't the justification for a long stay hotel here.
South Street	3 - 6 storey flats? Like other areas in this survey, where are these people going to work neither Gosport or Portsmouth or the surrounding areas are enjoying an employment renaissance, the trains are unreliable, over-packed and makes commuting undesirable. What will the impact be on already strained medical services? By earmarking the the Church Path Car Park for building you are removing a car parking zone that is crucial to both current residents and visitors to the area. What provisions will be made for them as well as the new residents if this site is used for new houses? Parking spaces are already limited and yet you wish to build more homes without from what information I have seen providing a responsible allocation of new parking spaces, only vague areas on badly scanned maps with no indication of numbers. One of the schematics mentions that the car parks and green areas between Blake and Hammond Court could be redeveloped. In to what exactly? These car parks belong to the two tower blocks, there is inadequate parking facilities now, so how can removing the car parks be beneficial, especially when no thought has gone in to where all the current cars and future cars are going to go?

Trinity Green area	For years Barclay House has been targeted for demolition and new accommodation constructed to replace it. The proposals wish to do this but again fail to explain or implement how many spaces the new car parks will provide not only for the new residents but also for Blake and Hammond Court who currently share the spaces for Barclay House. The plans seemingly show that the garage area of Hammond Court will go and parking spaces built, I know this has been an issue several times over the years and has been dismissed for various reasons so what will the difference be this time. The big boast about retaining the green character of the area seems to be at direct odds with the proposal of building a town house estate between Hammond Court and Harbour Towers. I believe there is also the matter of a covenant belonging to the Church which forbids any building or altering the area without the Church's express permission.
Haslar Marina	N/C (No Comment)
The Gosport Lines	N/C
8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?	
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?	A new police station. It is farcical that a town with the population of Gosport does not have a full-time operational police station anymore. How are the meagre resources that are currently in place going to cope with the surge in population if the new estates are built. Not everyone is a criminal but there will always be a microcosm of society who cause trouble and that percentage will rise as the population grows.
11. Please include any comments you may have	Improving frontages. Is that not the responsibility of the owner or landlord to carry out these proposed works? It will make the town look nice but are the council and/or developers going to pay for this or gently goad the owner or landlord to carry out these works?The main road leading in to Gosport from Fareham is gridlocked, jammed and in much need for improvement. Previous road widening and improvement schemes have been scrapped. So what plans are there (if any) to implement a new traffic infrastructure that won't further compromise access to the town, especially if the scheme halts then fails?The way that this consultation process has been promoted has been abysmal. Many of my neighbours and people I have spoken to were completely unaware of it. It was launched in June 2017 with a a closing date of September 2017, simply not enough time to read, digest the vast amount of planning, changes and proposals contained therein. I feel there simply wasn't enough time to engage the public for their reaction. No doubt the basic statutory regulations regarding a suitable time frame to gauge public response were adhered to, but it seems there is no intentions in allowing major dissent, or indeed approval to be fully accurately noted due to the limited response time given. I was only informed of it in passing towards the end of August, so I apologise if my contributions are not wholly formed.

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