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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	Yes
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?)	I agree that the marine industry is a strength but its like it has no connection to probably the majority of people living in Gosport. See my notes in opportunities below.
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?)	I understand that in a difficult economic climate it must be hard to attract new businesses to our town centre. However I think you need to consider a couple of things: Generally a deprived area - is it good to have so many gambling and arcade places We do need pound stores etc but again how many if you are hoping to attract different businesses in the future would that not put them off? I'm not sure why a low business start up rate is a weakness? Surely its good to try and encourage young and new entrepreneurs? It would be nice to have some more national chain presence but thank goodness New Look. Burton and Dorothy perkins have stuck with us for all these years and if national chains are leaving fareham are they likely to come to 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?)	New marine related employment business? I see it very much as they are just a community on their own and Gosport suits what they need. It would be nice to know that if we were to have more marine related business that you would have some control in getting them to take on local apprentices from local schools and not just children / people they know from another well off family who is part of their community. This sort of chance could really make a difference to a young person from Gosport. I feel really strongly about this. We as a community should be doing everything we can to support them.

<p>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?)</p>	<p>There are uncertainties regarding the EU but they could turn out to be positive. Is the marine industry likely to still want to be here yes? Could there be a possibility that MOD plans eg Sultan may change possibly? Challenges from other areas even Fareham has shops closing. The transport is an issue and why we continually waste money on the road out when a bridge needs to be built between Gosport and Portsmouth? There were plans for this in the 70's but because of environmental pressures were never taken further. Your not telling me the environmental impact of so many cars / petrol on the A32 in this day and age can be any worse than the bridge. If you really want to open Gosport to new investors you need to look back into this and start finding funding for it, because firstly the actual is bad (you ask anyone going out in the morning and lots of other times of day now) and yes the perception is countrywide. Until you look outside the box you will never change this.</p>
<p>Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape</p>	<p>I think that we have lovely gardens. The bus station is an eyesore so when that is moved that will help and the town itself needs improving.</p>
<p>Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities</p>	<p>As I said before that the marine business that comes to Gosport that they become involved in training opportunities for our youngsters and not just the well off ones from their own communities. New hotel. Not too big because we have the premier inn and others but it may be an option for people trying to get accommodation in Portsmouth, if there was a hotel conveniently on the front. You said about night time venues. One of the most amazing places I have ever been had a downstairs which was a coffee bar (but they served limited alcohol as well), live music and then upstairs they had pool tables. It would carry on late and was just such a chilled place to go. Something like that on the waterfront and again great employment opportunities. (or in the cultural square) I know this is not part of the plan you are talking about but surely there needs to be plans regarding Sultan and opportunities of attracting investment possibly financial services etc a bit like the area at Whiteley where you have insurance etc. Or dare I say also a new ground for Gosport Borough FC?</p>

Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience	This is a hard one because of the economic climate but the truth is our high street seems drab and full of charity shops, ? stores and gambling places. However I recognise we need them. So maybe its the shops that are not being used that need to be looked after. The old post office and the old currys plots are big but look awful because they are not being used or maintained.A cinema ?? we were promised a cinema with Clarence yard development and it never happened. All we need is a small one screen maybe two screen cinema that shows current films that you would sell out on. The second screen would be good because of summer holidays etc.
Theme D: Providing New Homes	Controversial as always. The thing is any homes built on the waterfront in your plan are going to be for the more well off
Theme E: Improving Accessibility	A bridge or tunnel between Gosport and Portsmouth and rather than just spending money on the Bus Link, the bypass Newgate Lane put the money into something that will make a difference.When Blockhouse is released could some sort of transport link be made there eg bridge like the Haslar bridge or tunnel. There has to be another option to attract new markets and business.
Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision	
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	Obviously any increased housing needs to have the appropriate infrastructure to support. If we are talking more families then we need another school, doctors, dentist etc.
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	This comes from people themselves rather than fast food places etc.We have amazing youth football in our town which we should continue to support. My son's year group (he is 14 now) none of his circle of friends are over weight just strong and healthy. That comes from adults educating them what is good for their bodies. I know that my son's local coach talks to the boys about it, which is great because some parents dont. It would be good to have other youth sport (not eveyone likes football). We have rugby, tennis but what about athletics and basketball,. I think there is amazing potential here to help youngsters and ultimately that is how we will help them as adults.
The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	I think I have covered this in comments above.

Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	
Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	Again wasn't this where our new cinema was meant to be? We have a bar and restaurant there but not much else. A new cinema there would be ideal.
North of the High Street	
The High Street and associated areas	
South Street	
Trinity Green area	
Haslar Marina	
The Gosport Lines	
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?	
11. Please include any comments you may have	I think I have covered alot already. To summarise better links between the Gosport community and marine community. This could be done through apprenticeships with local young people. Small hotel, with cultural square, live music etc and not just in the day time. In their hey day we had amazing clubs with sidewalk and arcs you need to find some sort of evening entertainment that will attract people from Portsmouth to Gosport. I don't necessarily mean a night club but something like the coffee bar / bar with live music / pool tables etc. These are not places to drink to much but chilled and relaxed and therefore will attract a mixture of people. You have to think outside the box for transport a link has to be made between Gosport / Portsmouth in some way. Gosport to Portchester even. To attract business investment you need to make that link and not just say it can't be done. Be careful about reducing car parks. Your talking about increasing the waterfront area for jobs, visitors etc but then they may have nowhere to park.
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