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Dear Sirs,

I recently attended one of your open sessions and submit a few comments if I may on the proposed development around the ferry terminal to Portsmouth. As you know It has taken a long time for nothing to happen!

The bus station takes up far too much space in what must be the most valuable piece of land in the town. A bus station could easily be located elsewhere in the town so that bus drivers can take their break at another, less high profile, location ( How about the underused lorry park up by Weevil Lane) and then proceed to the ferry area where a simple single or double bus length lay by (and appropriate shelters for inclement weather) would be all that was needed for the bus to simply stop to collect passengers and then move on. I understand there are less than 12 departures per hour over the various routes served. Not exactly excessive!

Gosport Town badly needs (albeit an ugly) Multi story car park for visitors to Portsmouth and beyond. A good income for the council of course but it must be within a SHORT walk to the ferry. Would Camper & Nicholson build / allow such a facility and allow public access in addition to their customers. Other sites are available (building over existing car parks?) that are not too intrusive. Every car using it is probably one less car on the A32 to Fareham.

Falklands Gardens. There is space for another tower block to the north of the site - a huge income for the council to help their plans to keep council tax bills in check.. Minimal intrusion to the gardens and a classic harbour view for the residents. May be a restaurant on the first floor too.

The area between the proposed bus drop off/ pick up area needs a walkway to the ferry which could also house small shops , the tourist information site, ferry ticket office and be undercover - between bus and ferry. Taxi and car drop off areas could remain more or less as they are?

The proposal to include " eating establishments" ( with Flats over?) along the current harbour wall is welcomed and could be Gosport's answer to the Still and West in Portsmouth. Car Parking (Underground?) has to be addressed for such facilities and some form of cover for inclement weather is needed along the harbour front. ( I see many people getting totally soaked as they walk the harbour front (Probably heading for Hornet and Fort Blockhouse) Any housing in what is now the bus station site would warrant a premium sale/ rental income.....

A pity housing proposed for the area around Holy Trinity church (which is a green "oasis" in that part of town) is considered necessary.

The Falklands Gardens are a refreshing area for people heading to and from Portsmouth but it is NOT really a "go to" destination on a sunny day - that is, and always will be, Stokes Bay (which also needs considerable investment to bring it up to standards expected in 2017) Our winters are of course much longer than our summers too.

I hope this is of interest and trust something happens to at last regenerate this long discussed mediocre area which serves as the gateway to the borough for many people.

All our 82,000 residents need now is a railway station to connect us to the rest of the country and world!

Yours sincerely

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