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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	I think that the Vision is spot on. Gosport has long needed to wake up and use the enormous heritage that it has for tourism and commercial gains. BUT... I do not think that the detail goes far enough to meet this vision. Personally speaking, the detail does not match the vision.
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?)	Gosport does need to encourage visitors. More visitors equals increased local wealth, increased wealth equals more prestigious shopping and so on. It spirals Upwards. The waterfront is a premium and attractions that match Gunwharf will start to deliver this.
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?)	The vision (if delivered) will be very expensive. However, I do not think that the detail supports this vision. There are lots of little bits. The only really tangible component is the bus station. This on its own has no justification. The current bus station is functional. If you replace it with another functional bus station, then you still have a bus station.... that cost more money!
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?)	The whole area needs to be revitalised either super modern uplift or a retro period facade. Maybe a roof over the bottom of the high street to enable a continental style ambience on the street. All Shop frontages require a facelift.
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?)	Money, money and more money. Where is it coming from. I suspect that the reality will be a cherry picking of features that can be delivered within a cost framework. I suspect that little more than a replacement bus station will be delivered and that would be such a shame. The Vision is right.

<p>Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape</p>	<p>bang on, an attractive townscape brings in people, people spend money. One idea I had was to put bronze cast statues throughout the town. There are lots of significant people who can be placed. for example. Civil war Round heads manning a canon facing out to Portsmouth. Ladies and gents of the Clarence walking up the high street. Military figures looking out at stokes bay and the Cassions being assembled for D-Day. There are many other prime examples. THis would be unique to Gosport.</p>
<p>Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities</p>	<p>I would much rather live and work in Gosport than commute weekly up to London! There is a lot of infrastructure to upgrade. Access into Gosport is a night mare. Many tell me that it is the scourge of Gosport. This has to be a priority. We need a Tram in between Gosport, Portsmouth, Fareham with an interchange to London, Brighton and Southampton. Get this right and businesses will want to come to Gosport and bring labour with them. Randomly... An open air theatre down on the beach near the MOD Medical Research area or the like.</p>
<p>Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience</p>	<p>More visitors = more wealth, More wealth = prestigious retailers.You must smarten up the shopping zones. I reject out of town outlets, Turn the High Street into that smart outlet.</p>
<p>Theme D: Providing New Homes</p>	<p>Gosport has a population of 85,000 or so. Its infrastructure is straining. Doctors, Schools, transportation, parking. All under so much pressure. Then. Because of this nobody wants to live here so we end up with low cost less affluent residents.The new home strategy needs to fit into the current Brownfield availability and an improved infrastructure.</p>
<p>Theme E: Improving Accessibility</p>	<p>We've been talking about this now since I moved to Gosport in 1983. Its about time the local government did something about this. Tram, tunnels under the harbour etc... Get on with it.</p>

Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision	Expose and restore the rich heritage. REstore does not mean FULL restoration, but enough for visitors to view and marvel. Fort Brockhurst/Gilkicker, Stokes bay batteries, and the Gosport town and stokes bay lines need to be spruced up and made prominent. Gilkickedr could make a good open air theatre... Put a glass dome roof over it. It would be marvellous!
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	My son would be good at that one. He works for the organisation that manages this.
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	Back to the Money. If you want to fulfil the vision. Get the money and improve the infrastructure. 45 min to get from Gosport to Fareham (5 miles) is WRONG and does nothing to encorage people to come.
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	Promote more cycling. Reduce fares on the ferry for the cyclist. Currently no incentive to use the ferry, it's cheaper to drive around!Stanley park needs a local interest committee to promote its development and protection. Right now, its a mess. But other initiatives, play parks, BMX stuff etc are brilliant. More please.
The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	Bus station and Falklands is NOT Gosport and on their own do nothing to improve the place or encourage visitation. Neglect the other things and any money spent here will be wasted dead money.Show prominently the location of Fort Charles. Think Heritage!!Build a twin tower to match the Spinnaker in Gunwharf, A few inches taller perhaps :) now that would put us on the WORLD map! The Twin towers of Gosport and Portsmouth!
Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	
Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	Do what you promised to do in the first place before you allowed the developers to rip you off. Because of that! Clarence fulfilled what you expected it to do.
North of the High Street	
The High Street and associated areas	Smarten up the shop frontage. High spec modern or period curiosity. Improve the theme. The mixed bag of scruffy make do architecture has to change. And stick a roof over it. Allow shops, cafes and bars to spill out into the street in all weathers.

South Street	
Trinity Green area	
Haslar Marina	
The Gosport Lines	Promote, restore, put archway style gateways over the high street, south street and Mumby road. Create sign post.... Create that old fortified town feel. Think St Malo, Tell the story
8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?	The detail does not realise the vision. The Vision is what we need. More dramatic thinking is required.
9. Are there any other sites within the Waterfront and Town Centre area which have potential for development?	Fort Charles The two Scruffy looking buildings at the bottom of the High street Coffee One on one side and the Chinese Rest on the other side. They need a Roman/Georgian style facade with columns and an arch bridging the two buildings. Something that when seen from the other side of the harbour says.... "wow, that's impressive, I want to go and have a look!" Think Bath, Milan, Greenwich Maritime Museum.
10. Please can you give any suggestions of what else the Council should consider to include in the final version of the SPD?	The Vision is one thing. But what is the objective? A nice place to live?, I already have that! Increased local revenue, better shops and facilities! This costs money, so the objective should be, how do we deliver change so that we increase local revenue so that we can improve our town for residents and visitors.
11. Please include any comments you may have	Confirm the strategy again. Look at the detail again. Think even bigger. Don't give up. Make it happen, even if it takes twenty years.
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