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1.0: INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Consultation Statement (the 'Statement') sets out how the Council has consulted with the community and other stakeholders in the stages leading up to the publication of the pre-submission version of the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029. This Statement either sets out or provides a signpost to the following information:

- ***The bodies and persons that were invited to make representations on the Local Plan under Regulation 18;***
- ***How these bodies and other persons were invited to make such representations;***
- ***A summary of the main issues raised by those representations; and***
- ***How those main issues raised have been addressed in the Local Plan***

1.2 This Statement also provides a summary of the main points raised through the consultation undertaken on the Core Strategy and specific sites and how these were addressed by the Council within the Draft Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 (Draft Local Plan) (see Section 2: Transition from Core Strategy to Draft Local Plan and Appendix 1). This consultation information has been included within this Statement due to the decision to move forward from a Core Strategy to a comprehensive Local Plan.

1.3 The Core Strategy Consultation Statement (Annex 1) as a separate publication to this Statement provides further detail of the consultation undertaken for the earlier stages in plan preparation in accordance with the previous regulations for preparing a Core Strategy. This also includes details relating to consultation on the Borough's Strategic Sites and should be read alongside this Statement. Details of this can be found at: <http://www.gosport.gov.uk/ldf/>. It is important to note that the consultation on the Core Strategy was undertaken in accordance with Regulation 25¹ of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and the then adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (July 2007) with this being reflected in Annex 1.

National Legislation

1.4 This Statement has been prepared under Regulation 19 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which requires for the proposed submission documents (as defined in Regulation 17) to be made available prior to the submission of the Plan for examination. This Statement forms part of this publication process and demonstrates how the Council has undertaken consultation further to that detailed on the Core Strategy as set out in Annex 1.

1.5 Taking these statutory legislative requirements into account, this Statement will show how the Council has exceeded the minimum requirements for consultation on its Draft Local Plan through to pre-submission stage.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

1.6 The Council has published a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) to demonstrate how it would involve the local community and other key stakeholders in local planning issues. It describes how consultation can be carried out and when, what methods of

¹ The Regulations have since been updated by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

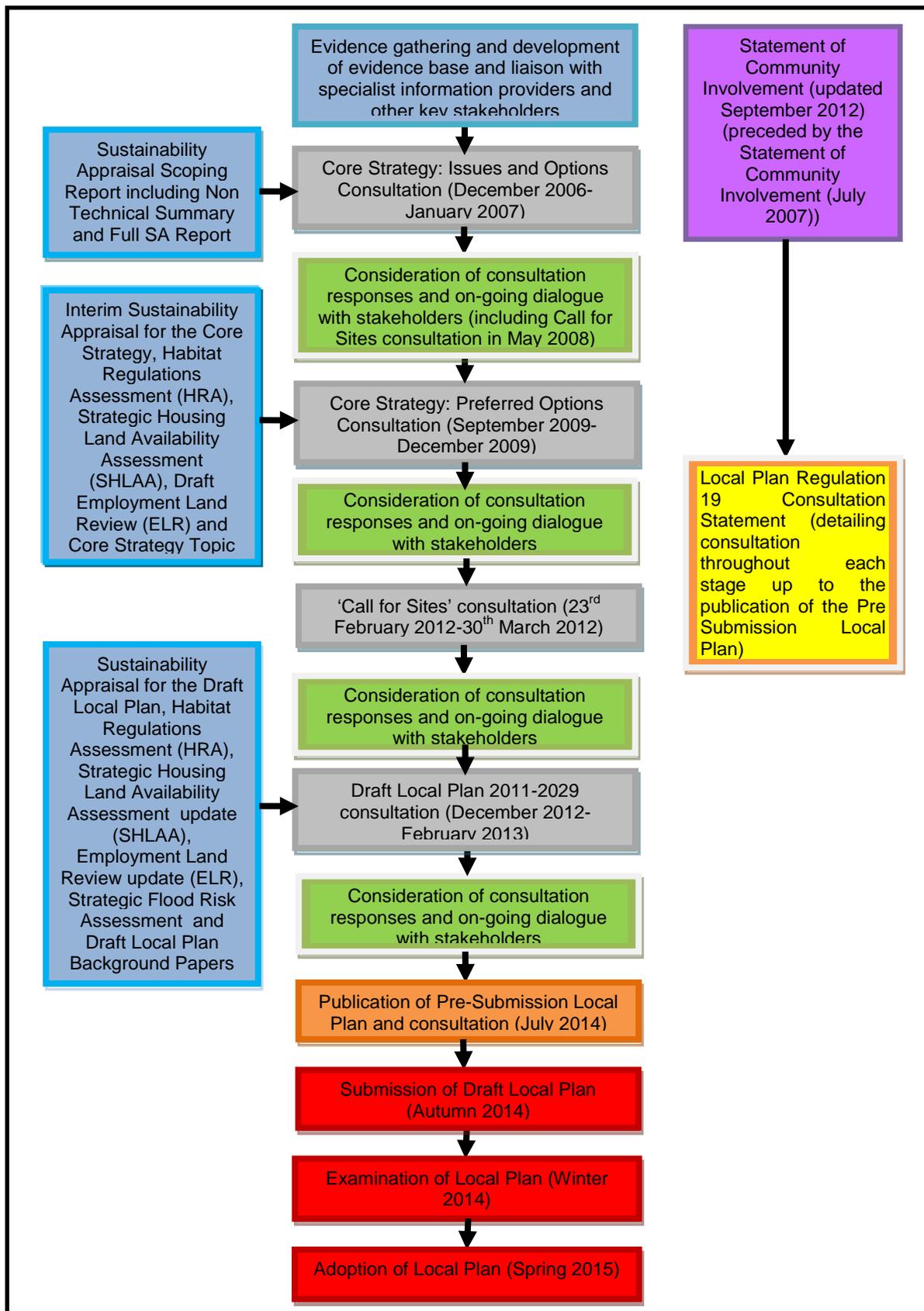
consultation can be used and how comments received can be dealt with. It also identifies management, resource and monitoring issues relating to consultation.

- 1.7 The Council's original SCI was prepared in line with the regulations in force at that time and was adopted in July 2007. Within this document, there was a commitment to review the SCI as appropriate. The Council reviewed it in 2012 and in doing so, took account of the legislative changes made to the planning system. The consultation on the Draft Local Plan has been undertaken in compliance with the revised SCI which was approved by the Council in September 2012. Full details of the revised SCI can be accessed at <http://www.gosport.gov.uk/sci/>.
- 1.8 In accordance with consultees listed within the Council's adopted SCI, all the statutory consultees and other contacts who wished to be consulted were consulted on the publication of the Draft Local Plan (December 2012). The contacts list has been regularly updated and amended in the lead up to consultation on the Pre-Submission Version of the Local Plan.

Stages of Consultation

- 1.9 Figure 1 summarises the stages of consultation that have taken place in the lead up to the pre-submission stage. This also includes the stages of consultation that took place on the Core Strategy at each stage in its preparation since this has been important in shaping the content of the Pre Submission Version of the Local Plan.
- 1.10 Although these stages identify set periods of consultation, it is important to note that dialogue and engagement with key stakeholders and individuals has been ongoing throughout the process. Figure 1 also shows where the Council currently is in the preparation of the Local Plan. On observing Figure 1, it is important to consider that the Statement of Consultation for the Core Strategy: Issues and Options and Preferred Options stages was published under Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 as amended by the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008. The Draft Local Plan and the Pre Submission Version of the Local Plan have been prepared under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Figure 1: Summary of Plan Preparation Consultation Process



2.0 TRANSITION FROM CORE STRATEGY TO DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

- 2.1 In February 2012, the Borough Council made the decision to combine work on the Core Strategy and planned Site Allocations DPD into the Draft Local Plan. This approach took account of the changes in the planning system through publication the Localism Act (November 2011) and the draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (July 2011). The final NPPF and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 have confirmed the approach to produce a local plan.
- 2.2 Table 1 below summarises the key issues arising from the consultation on the Core Strategy: Preferred Options and how they have been addressed by the Council in preparing the Draft Local Plan.

Table 1: Key Issues Arising through Responses to the Core Strategy: Preferred Options Consultation

Summary of Main Comments Made	How Addressed in the Draft Local Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support regarding the re-use and regeneration of the Borough's brownfield sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Policy LP3: Spatial Strategy</i>, the Regeneration Area policies (LP4-LP7) and site allocation policies (LP9A-LP9D) are key policies in helping to address the need to regenerate the Borough's brownfield sites.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support relating to regeneration taking place within the identified regeneration areas (e.g. Haslar, Daedalus, and Gosport Waterfront). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Policy LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre, LP5: Daedalus, LP6: Haslar Peninsula, LP7: Rowner</i> help to provide a focus for the regeneration of identified regeneration areas within the Borough.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General support for the level of employment floorspace proposed to be built and the need for more jobs in the Borough. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Policies <i>LP3: Spatial Strategy</i> and <i>LP16: Employment Land</i> help to provide an employment-led focus with provision made for the development of 84,000 square metres of net additional employment floorspace over the plan period. <i>Policy LP5: Daedalus</i> provides the main steer for economic development with 79,000 square metres of the Borough's allocation planned to be located here.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some concern relating to the 4,000 dwellings scenario particularly in relation to an identified infrastructure deficit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The higher scenario was investigated because it was considered likely that the Borough would exceed the now superseded 2,500 dwellings figure set out in the South East Plan. It was considered responsible and appropriate to test scenarios above this figure in terms of social, economic and environmental implications (through the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment and Transport

Summary of Main Comments Made	How Addressed in the Draft Local Plan
	and Infrastructure Assessments). The Partnership for South Hampshire (PUSH) have published a revised South Hampshire Strategy (November 2012) which sets a higher target for Gosport.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns relating to a need to secure necessary infrastructure improvements and for clarity to be provided regarding who it will be delivered by and when (i.e. transport infrastructure). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Work has been undertaken on an Infrastructure Assessment Report and accompanying Infrastructure Delivery Plan which now form part of the Draft Local Plan. These include further details regarding what infrastructure will be delivered by whom and when. They consider the availability of funding resources and are based on the best available evidence at the time of publication. The transport element is based upon schemes being supported or promoted by Hampshire County Council – the local Highway Authority who have the powers to implement such schemes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for the safeguarding and provision of new community facilities (e.g. education, health, leisure and retail). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Policy LP32: Community and Built Leisure Facilities</i> provides the main focus for supporting the development of new community and built leisure facilities including those proposed in the Regeneration Areas (LP4-LP7) and other proposed sites (LP9A-LP9D).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some concern relating to the provision of waste water treatment capacity (e.g. at Peel Common) and relating implications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The issues of waste water treatment capacity have been addressed in <i>Policy LP39: Water Resources</i>.

2.3 Further details on how the Council has responded to the main points raised through the consultation on the previously published Core Strategy and how these have been addressed in preparing the Draft Local Plan are included in Appendix 1 of this Statement.

3.0 CALL FOR SITES CONSULTATION

3.1 As part of the preparatory work on the Draft Local Plan, the Council undertook work on identifying non-strategic site allocations which were not addressed in the Core Strategy. The Call for Sites and the Draft Local Plan consultation have met the requirements of paragraph 155 of the National Planning Policy Framework in promoting early and meaningful engagement and collaboration with neighbourhoods, local organisations and businesses in the plan making process. To that end, the Council has provided an adequate opportunity for all those who have wanted to put forward potential sites for consideration and assessment.

3.2 The Council has undertaken two Call for Sites consultations. The first Call for Sites consultation which was undertaken in May 2008 whilst the second was undertaken between 23 February and 30 March 2012. As part of these consultations the Borough Council wrote to landowners and their agents, developers and other interested parties to put forward sites, which may be suitable for development in the Borough (see Appendix 2

for the Call for Sites Consultation Letter List). The aim of the Call for Sites consultation has been to ensure that the Borough Council was aware of all potential sites that may be able to contribute towards the delivery of the spatial strategy over the plan period. Respondents were invited to submit their comments online or by post. As well as consulting with landowners, agents, developers and other interested parties, the Council was also able to put forward sites as part of this consultation.

- 3.3 The Call for Sites consultation has ensured that the most suitable and deliverable sites have been considered for inclusion in the Draft Local Plan in helping to provide a continuous supply of land to help deliver the Council's planning strategy over the plan period in a coherent and transparent way. Importantly, this approach has avoided alternative sites being put forward by other parties at a later stage without the benefit of a full and considered sustainability appraisal. This clearly demonstrates that the Council has fully considered alternatives and that the approach of the Draft Local Plan is the best and most appropriate strategy, and the sites that are allocated in it are those most capable of being delivered within its planned timescale.
- 3.4 It was explained to all stakeholders, that any sites put forward would not automatically be included in the development plan as being suitable for development. Each of the sites put forward by landowners, agents, other interested parties and the Council were considered as part of the Sustainability Appraisal process for their suitability, deliverability and potential to contribute towards delivering the spatial strategy and Council's Strategic Objectives over the plan period. It is also important to note that sites identified as part of the Call for Sites consultation that benefited from existing planning permission were not required to be tested through the Sustainability Appraisal process.

4.0 DRAFT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

- 4.1 An informal 8 week consultation period for the Draft Local Plan took place between 19 December 2012 and 13 February 2013. The aim of this consultation was to engage the public and stakeholders and to invite feedback on the Council's draft policies and site allocations. The flexibility of this informal consultation stage was undertaken in line with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012. The consultation period was extended for a longer time than specified in the Statement of Community Involvement as it made allowance for the Christmas period in order for stakeholders to have as much opportunity as possible to respond. Respondents were given the option of responding to the consultation by post, electronically via email or online questionnaire.

Gosport Borough Draft Local Plan 2011-2029 (Draft for Consultation December 2012) Consultation Methods

- 4.2 In accordance with its adopted SCI (September 2012), the Council made use of the following methods of consultation which were considered as appropriate in preparing its Draft Local Plan:

Link to the Consultation on the Council website

- 4.3 The Council included a link on the front page of its website which directed users to the Draft Local Plan consultation page. This allowed the consultation to be maximised to as wide an audience as possible. A print screen shot of the front page of the Borough Council website which signposts to the Draft Local Plan consultation is included in Appendix 3.

Draft Local Plan and Response Form

- 4.4 Copies of the Draft Local Plan and accompanying response form were made available at the Council Offices, the Discovery Centre (formerly Gosport Library) and the other three

County Council run libraries located within the Borough. The Draft Local Plan and response form were also published online on the Council website: <http://www.gosport.gov.uk/localplan2029/>. The response form included a monitoring sheet which requested specific demographic information of the respondents.

Draft Local Plan: Summary Leaflets

- 4.5 Summary leaflets were made available to raise awareness of the Draft Local Plan consultation (see Appendix 4). These were widely circulated including at the Council Offices, Gosport Discovery Centre and the other three County Council run libraries.

Consultation Letters

- 4.6 Consultation letters were sent either by post or electronic communication to all statutory consultees and to other interested parties who were identified during the SCI process. Consultees were informed that the Draft Local Plan could be viewed via the following web link www.gosport.gov.uk/localplan2029 or at the Council Offices and libraries. Reference was also made to the supporting documents of the Draft Local Plan and that these were also available to view via the web link. Appendix 5 indicates the range of organisations contacted. Hard copies of the Draft Local Plan document were made available on request.
- 4.7 Consultation letters were also posted out to landowners and their agents, developers and other interested parties who responded as part of the Call for Sites consultation in February 2012.

Meetings

- 4.8 One to one meetings and ongoing dialogue continued to take place with key local stakeholders and other organisations throughout the plan making process in line with the Council's adopted SCI (see Appendix 6 for further details). It is important to note that meetings and dialogue which took place prior to work being undertaken on the Draft Local Plan have been very important in helping to shape its overall.

Exhibition Boards

- 4.9 Exhibitions boards for the Draft Local Plan were displayed within the main reception in Gosport Town Hall, Gosport Discovery Centre and the other three Hampshire County Council run libraries. These exhibitions were staffed by members of the Planning Policy Section who were available to assist with queries from the public relating to the consultation. Table 2 provides further details on the locations and dates of the staffed exhibitions.

Table 2: Draft Local Plan Consultation Undertaken in the HCC Run Libraries

Location	Exhibition Board Consultation with Officers Present
Gosport Discovery Centre	Saturday 26 January 2013 10am – 1pm
Bridgemary Library	Saturday 2 February 2013 10am – 1pm
Elson Library	Saturday 12 January 2013 10am – 1pm
Lee-on-the-Solent Library	Saturday 19 January 2013 10am – 1pm

- 4.10 Notices were displayed on the exhibition boards at each of the libraries which showed the scheduled times for when staff were available to assist with queries relating to the consultation.
- 4.11 In addition, an exhibition was set up in the Town Hall reception area and was staffed on the following dates and times;

- Tuesday 8th January 2013 10am – 3pm

- Tuesday 15th January 2013 10am – 3pm
- Tuesday 22nd January 2013 10am – 3pm
- Tuesday 29th January 2013 10am – 3pm
- Tuesday 5th February 2013 10am – 3pm

Posters

- 4.12 Posters raising awareness of the Draft Local Plan consultation were displayed on community notice boards around the Borough. A copy of the poster is included in Appendix 7.

Press Coverage

- 4.13 Articles in the local press providing information on the Draft Local Plan consultation were published in The Portsmouth Evening News on 28th December 2012 and 30th January 2013. This was also published online on the Portsmouth Evening News website. A transcript of this article is included in Appendix 8.

Local Newsletters

- 4.14 An article on the Draft Local Plan consultation was published in the Council's December 2012 Coastline publication. A transcript of this article is included in Appendix 8.

Go Gosport

- 4.15 An article on the Draft Local Plan consultation was published on the Go Gosport website. A transcript of the relevant webpage is included in Appendix 8.

E Alerts

- 4.16 E-Alerts sent to members of the Business Forum (this has approximately 1,000 business subscribers)

Gosport Town Team

- 4.17 Awareness was raised of the Draft Local Plan consultation in the 11th December 2012 meeting. An agenda item on the Draft Local Plan consultation was also included at the meeting held on 5th February 2013. This included a presentation to members of the team and a following question and answer session.

Supporting Documents to the Draft Local Plan

- 4.18 Consultation has also been undertaken on key documents which support the strategy underpinning the Draft Local Plan. Details of these are included below:

- **Sustainability Appraisal (SA)**

The Interim Sustainability Appraisal for the draft Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 (December 2012) (the 'SA Report') was published as part of the consultation on the Draft Local Plan. This progressed previous work undertaken on the Interim Sustainability Appraisal for the Core Strategy: Preferred Options and included a separate assessment of sites that were considered as part of the 'Call for Sites' consultation in the 'Assessment of Potential Allocations for Inclusion in the Draft Local Plan' document. The SA work considered the social, economic and environmental effects that could arise for each of the Local Plan objectives, Local Plan policies and allocated sites. Copies of the SA Report and 'Assessment of Potential Allocations for Inclusion in the Draft Local Plan' document were available to view online on the following web link to the Borough Council website www.gosport.gov.uk/sustainability-appraisal.

- **Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)**

A Habitats Regulation Assessment and its Appendices was published as part of the consultation on the Draft Local Plan. This was also available to view online on the following web link to the Borough Council website: <http://www.gosport.gov.uk/sections/your-council/council-services/planning-section/local-development-framework/core-strategy/habitats-regulation-assessment/>

Responses made to the Draft Local Plan Consultation and Main Issues Raised

- 4.19 A total of 1,095 hits were made to the Draft Local Plan pages between December 19th 2012 and 13th February 2013. There were 50 responses to the Draft Local Plan consultation from a range of stakeholders and the wider public. These responses were made directly through the Draft Local Plan response form which was submitted by post and electronically via email. The Council considered all the representations made on the Draft Local Plan and these are summarised in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Key Issues Arising through Responses to the Draft Local Plan Consultation

Policy	Summary of Main Comments Made	How Addressed in the Draft Local Plan (Publication Version)
Spatial Strategy		
LP3: Spatial Strategy	The Local Plan should take account of the PUSH housing target.	Housing figures to be revised to reflect the extrapolation of the figure in South Hampshire Strategy (2012).
	Identify the former Frater House part of the Brockhurst Gate site (also applicable to Policy LP9b) and land within the DM Gosport site within the Urban Area Boundary (also applicable to Policies LP10 and LP35).	Review the Urban Area Boundary to include these sites within the Urban Area.
	The development allocation should be extended to include the adjoining sports ground (also applicable to Policy LP9b).	It is considered that the development allocation should not be extended to include the adjoining sports ground as the site is considered an important recreational facility. It also has an important role in the townscape adjacent to Fort Brockhurst.
	The level of housing development proposed is supported but should not be considered a ceiling (also applicable to Policy LP4).	The housing figure set out in Policy LP3: Spatial Strategy is not considered to be a ceiling on development.
Regenerating Gosport through the Delivery of High Quality sites		
Policies LP4-LP8	Regeneration Area policies should require development to mitigate the impact on the Strategic Road Network in line with national policy.	The Regeneration Area policies now include reference to mitigating any impacts on the Strategic Road Network or other parts of the highway network.

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LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre	The number of dwellings to be allowed on this small site is far too high (700-900) resulting in an inappropriate density.	The proposed development will accommodate a range of densities. The higher end densities will be comparable with those at Rope Quays. In some circumstances providing the design is appropriate the site may be able to accommodate higher densities and total numbers. It is considered that approximately 700 dwellings could be accommodated on the Waterfront site. It is considered that approximately 200 dwellings could be accommodated on various sites within the Town Centre at comparable densities to the surrounding areas.
	The Plan should not be too prescriptive about retaining deep water facilities.	The deep water facility within the Royal Clarence Yard Retained Area is an important asset which supports the Gosport Marine economy and it is important that this facility is retained until suitable alternative options can be developed.
	There is insufficient capacity in the local sewerage system to meet the anticipated demand from the development proposed at a number of the identified Regeneration Areas and proposed allocations (also applicable to Policy LP5, LP6 and LP9a).	Amend policy and justification text for each of the relevant policies to identify the issue that there is insufficient capacity in the local sewerage system to meet the anticipated demand from the development proposed.
	The need to protect existing on-site sewerage infrastructure needs to be recognised in planning policies.	This is a more general point and it is therefore proposed to include in Policy LP40 relating to water resources, although a cross reference has been included in the justification text.
LP6: Haslar Peninsula	Concern about having 300 new residential units at Haslar due to the severe effects it will have on the existing grassland of high botanical value at the Hospital site (paras 7.99 to 7.112).	The Policy requires that biodiversity is protected and the justification text makes it clear that the relevant ecological assessments will be required. A number of amendments have been made to the supporting text on this issue.
	A limit to 300 dwellings should be open market or affordable units, and not be a predetermined number. Residential C2, retirement or care uses that are clearly part of an assisted living or care	The 300 dwellings is the anticipated number of dwellings of market and affordable housing (ie those within the C3 Use Class). This figure does not include those that fall within the C2 category which includes residential care homes, nursing homes and

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	package should be allowed over and above the 300 dwelling limit stated.	hospitals.
	Haslar could contain more than one hotel offer. The location adjacent the marinas make Haslar a very good location for this use.	It is considered that one hotel is sufficient in this location. However the supporting text to the policy states that if further hotel facilities are proposed then it would be necessary for the proposal to accord with the relevant tests (sequential and impact) as outlined in the NPPF).
	Planning permission should be granted to as soon as is practicable to any application which serves to preserve and allow restoration and enhancement of the listed buildings in line with EH policy to reuse existing listed buildings.	The Council agrees that if a suitable scheme is brought forward then planning permission should be granted as soon as possible in order to secure a long term future for the Listed Buildings at the Haslar Hospital site. Proposals will need to be determined with other considerations set out in Policy LP6 and other policies in the Local Plan.
	The policy needs to include wording which requires assessment and mitigation of the impact of development on the SRN.	Criterion 1e already states 'that any additional traffic generated by the development shall be within the capacity of the existing road network and should not compromise the safety of existing roads;' This would appear to address the Highway Agency's particular concerns regarding the SRN and this is reflected in justification text although it is proposed to make a reference for a transport assessment.
LP8: Alver Valley	Object to Country Park facilities at Grange Farm and associated areas (as shown on the Policies Map).	Grange Farm has been identified as the prime location for visitor facilities and will enable the re-use of a number of historic buildings and adjacent land which can be used for other facilities associated with a visitor centre.
	Delete the Alver Valley 'gateway facilities' designation.	Delete allocation for 'gateway facilities' from the policies map to provide more flexibility over future provision.
LP9a: Priddy's Hard	Concern over allocating Priddy's Hard for a residential and mixed use allocation as it lies adjacent to the Portsmouth Harbour Special Protection Area, Ramsar site and SSSI. Further assessment and	The Policy clearly sets out the requirement that any development would need to accord with the NPPF on internationally important habitats. This includes taking the appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures in accordance with the Habitats

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	mitigation measures will be required.	Regulations (as expanded in the justification text).
LP9b: Former Frater House	Show the Former Frater House site previously shown as 'employment use' as 'economic development use'. Also recommended for the policy to include an additional requirement for proposals for Main Town Centre Uses to be the subject of the Sequential and impact tests.	This has been changed in order to provide greater flexibility of uses on the Frater House site.
Enhancing Sense of Place: Design and Heritage	Policies LP11-LP13 are not strategic policies in order to deliver the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment and therefore do not satisfy the requirements of the NPPF.	It is proposed to include an additional criterion within the Spatial Strategy Policy (LP3) which specifically deals with heritage assets and therefore this will be considered as a strategic issue.
LP10: Design	It is considered that the policy does not have sufficient regard to the historic environment and does not satisfy the requirement for including strategic policies.	Include additional criterion and associated text in Policy LP10 to reflect the strategic importance of heritage issues.
Delivering a prosperous economy		
LP16: Employment Land	Policy should be amended to generate a presumption in favour of mixed-use developments on existing employment sites.	The Policy moves further than the existing Local Plan Review policy in that it also enables the development of mixed uses on the sites for other economic uses (point 4) providing it is compatible with the site, creates similar levels of jobs and meets relevant tests relating to town centre uses.
Improving Transport and Accessibility	Concerns raised in relation to the Council's evidence base on transport and highway issues. Recommended that the Council draws together the various strands of the evidence base and supporting studies in order to identify specific mitigation measures and further assessment work for the SRN and also access to and from the M27.	The Council has commissioned a run of the Sub Regional Transport Model to investigate the transport implications of the proposed development on the strategic highway network. The Local Plan also specifically highlights transport interventions that have been identified in the TfSHIoW Transport Delivery Plan, the HCC Gosport Borough Transport Statement and more recently Fareham & Gosport Transport Infrastructure Plan which have all taken into account the

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		quantum of development proposed in the Local Plan.
LP21: Improving Transport Infrastructure	Show the A32/Wych Lane and Newgate Lane highway improvements on the Policies Map.	The proposals has been added to the Local Plan Policies Map.
	Concerns raised about increased levels of traffic and impacts upon a constrained road network.	The Council is working on a number of specific measures to reduce out-commuting and congestion. It is acknowledged that there are limited opportunities to improve the road network on the Gosport Peninsula. However, there are opportunities to improve the road network as part of wider strategic requirements on the Gosport Peninsula such as through improvements at Newgate Lane (eg to the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus).
	Consider improvements to the A32 which could include schemes such as widening the dual carriageway.	Neither the HCC as the Highway Authority or TfSHIoW, responsible for delivering strategic projects, have identified major improvements on the A32, although measures are being introduced to improve flow such as junction improvements.
	The Highways Agency is seeking to understand how transport infrastructure will need to be improved or developed, in particular to support additional development related trips using the SRN.	These issues have been considered in the revised version of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and the transport background paper.
	Include reference to the Stubbington Bypass which will be important in facilitating proposals at the Solent Enterprise Zone.	It would not be appropriate to mention this scheme in the policy or show on the Policies Map because the land required for any future proposal is not within Gosport Borough. Although it is mentioned in the justification text.
LP22: Accessibility to New Development	The Local Plan sets out insufficient detail as to how the impacts of development will be mitigated on the SRN, and also makes no mention of specific junctions for promoters of development to assess.	The Sub Regional Transport Model has been run to investigate the transport implications of the proposed development on the strategic highway network. The Transport Background reports how the results of the model are addressed. The broad findings concluded that the proposed level of development would a minimal impact on the strategic road network.
Creating Quality Neighbourhoods-	The Council should update the Borough's Facility Strategy	The Playing Pitch and Sports Facility Assessment (2014) confirms that the

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Housing, Town Centres, Community Facilities and Open Space	prior to further publications of the Local Plan.	proposed level of development will be sufficient to meet current and expected needs.
LP24: Housing	Object to imposing Lifetime Homes standards on all properties with this remaining to be justified on the grounds of feasibility, viability and demographics.	The Government has since produced its 'Housing Standards Review: Consultation' (August 2013) which is not advocating the use of Lifetimes Homes although it is considering a number of options to ensure homes are accessible to range of users. Remove from policy and only refer to it as guidance.
LP34: Provision of New Open Space and Improvement to Existing Open Space	There should be a reduced requirement for open space contributions from developments of specialist accommodation for the elderly.	Noted that most later-living retirement housing will fall below the 50 unit threshold and will therefore not be required to provide on-site open space. Instead potential contributions for such provision will be in the form of CIL which could be used for a variety of infrastructure but not necessarily open space.
LP35: Protection of Existing Open Space	Remove the open space designation from the eastern part of Brockhurst Gate (Civil Service Sports Ground).	The Borough's latest Playing Pitch and Sports Facility Assessment (Nov 2013) recommends that good quality pitches in the Borough such as the former Civil Service Sport Ground are retained in order to meet demands over the Plan period.
LP37: Access to the Coast and Countryside	Unable to reach a conclusion on the HRA regarding no significant effects arising from air pollution.	Natural England's comments and subsequent ongoing discussions have been addressed in the latest version of the Habitats Regulations Assessment which accompanies the Publication version of the Local Plan.
Creating a sustainable environment	Questions raised on viability issues in relation to achieving the required standards in the Code for Sustainable Homes.	Emerging Government Guidance is very clear that it proposes to 'wind down' the Code for Sustainable Homes with it being proposed to incorporate many elements within Building Regulations and 'nationally described standards'. Policy requirements to the Code for Sustainable Homes and BREEAM have been deleted although there are still references to require developers to have regard to energy and water efficiency measures
LP38: Energy Resources	Viability and timescale concerns relating to the	The emerging Government Guidance is very clear that it proposes to 'wind-

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	<p>implementation of Levels 3, 4 and 5 of the Code for Sustainable Homes (CfSH) and viability concerns relating to the BREEAM 'Excellent' standard for all non residential buildings accommodating over 500 m² of gross internal floorspace.</p> <p>Concerns raised on whether the policy needs to be as prescriptive regarding connections to CHP and the use of on-site renewables being sequentially preferred to 'allowable solutions'.</p>	<p>down' the Code for Sustainable Homes and instead it is proposed to incorporate many elements within Buildings Regulations and 'nationally described standards'. Accordingly this policy will be deleted.</p> <p>In the energy hierarchy the implementation of site-related measures is generally more preferable than allowable solutions as it deals directly with the requirements of the development itself.</p>
LP39: Water Resources	Concerns about Code for Sustainable Homes level 5 and 6 are inappropriate and very difficult to implement.	The Government have now 'wind down the Code for Sustainable Homes in Housing Standards Review. The Government has now allowed higher standards for water consumption than building regulations of 110 litres per day per person (approximate equivalent to Code level 3-4) in areas of water stress. In line with PUSH objectives the local plan will include this option
LP44: Protecting Species and Other Features of Nature Conservation Importance	Consider adding a new policy on Waders and Brent Geese.	A separate policy is not required since their habitats are given suitable protection by the existing policies.
LP45: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion	The policy should be re-ordered to follow the flood risk management hierarchy. The principles of both the sequential test and sequential approach should also be highlighted to a greater extent.	Comment noted and policy re-ordered to reflect this. This should make the approach clearer for those sites not allocated which may come forward during the plan period.

4.20 A more detailed summary and analysis of the representations is contained in the document 'Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 Consultation draft 2012: Summary of Representations and Analysis of Consultation Responses'

APPENDIX 1

MAIN ISSUES RAISED THROUGH THE CORE STRATEGY: PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION WHICH HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN 2011-2029

Responses to the Core Strategy: Preferred Options Consultation

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1. Profile of Gosport	
· Support that a number of issues facing Gosport have been recognised including:	n/a
- providing new employment;	Noted. Dealt with by Policies <i>LP3: Spatial Strategy</i> and <i>LP16: Employment Land</i> . Also dealt with by the Regeneration Area policies which includes Policies <i>LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre</i> , <i>LP5: Daedalus</i> and <i>LP6: Haslar Peninsula</i> .
- improving cultural and leisure facilities;	Noted. Dealt with by <i>Policy LP32: Community and Built Leisure Facilities</i> . Also dealt with by the Regeneration Area policies LP4-LP8.
- improving health & well-being;	Noted. Dealt with by <i>Policy LP32: Community and Built Leisure Facilities</i> , the Regeneration Area policies (LP4-LP8) and the Allocations policies (LP9A-LP9D). Other policies in the

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	Draft Local Plan can also provide these benefits (e.g. <i>LP36: Allotments</i>).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - providing infrastructure and services; 	<p>Noted. Dealt with by Policies <i>LP2: Infrastructure</i> and <i>LP21: Improving Transport Infrastructure</i>, <i>LP22: Accessibility to New Development</i>, <i>LP42: Green Infrastructure</i>.</p> <p>The Key Regeneration Area policies (LP4-LP8) will also ensure that development is served by sufficient levels of infrastructure as required by other policies in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Other policies of the Local Plan will also help to provide infrastructure benefits.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - creating a local and sub-regional green infrastructure network; 	Noted. Dealt with by <i>Policy LP42: Green Infrastructure</i> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - use of water resources; 	Noted. Dealt with by Policies <i>LP38: Sustainable Construction</i> and <i>LP40: Water Resources</i> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - protecting the environment; and 	Noted. Dealt with by Policies in the Creating a Sustainable Environment Section. See policies LP38-LP49 in the Draft Local Plan for further detail. Other policies of the Draft Local Plan can also provide these benefits (e.g. <i>LP10: Design Principles</i>).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - safeguarding the viability and vitality of centres. 	Noted. Dealt with by Policies <i>LP27: Principal, District and Neighbourhood Centres</i> , <i>LP28: Uses in Centres</i> , <i>LP29: Proposals for Retail and other Town Centre Uses outside of Centres</i> and <i>LP30: Local Shops outside of Defined Centres</i> . Policies <i>LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre</i> and <i>LP7: Rowner</i> will also help to safeguard the viability and vitality of Gosport Town Centre and Rowner neighbourhood centre respectively.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Development of brownfield sites (such as Haslar) can help address a number of the identified issues including the provision of new employment. 	Noted. Dealt with by <i>Policy LP3: Spatial Strategy</i> and the Regeneration Area policies (LP4-LP7). <i>Policy LP5: Daedalus</i> will provide the main focus for the development of the Borough's employment land.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Need to recognise that housing can be located on sites where accessibility can be improved not just sites that already have good accessibility. 	Noted. Dealt with by <i>Policy LP24: Housing</i> , the Regeneration Area policies (LP4-LP7) and <i>LP9C: Allocations outside of Regeneration Areas: Residential Sites</i> .
2. Sub regional context	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No comments received. 	n/a
3. Vision and Spatial Objectives (SO)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · General support for the Vision and Strategic Objectives from most respondents. 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Concerns include: 	n/a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - difficult for the public sector 	The Draft Local Plan includes policies that

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(including the Council) to achieve the Vision;	will provide the framework to achieve the Vision.
- the proposed BRT as currently proposed will achieve little;	The BRT in Gosport is Phase 1 of a larger system for South Hampshire in the longer term. This is dealt with under <i>Policy LP21: Improving Transport Infrastructure</i> with the proposed extension to the route shown on the Proposals Map.
- need to mention the quality of the Borough's historic built environment;	Dealt with by Policies <i>LP10: Design Principles</i> , <i>LP11-LP13</i> (see list of policies in the Local Plan for further detail) and the Regeneration Area policies (i.e. Policies <i>LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre</i> , <i>LP5: Daedalus</i> , <i>LP6: Haslar Peninsula</i> and <i>LP8: Alver Valley</i>).
- vision and objectives lack local distinctiveness;	The Local Plan objectives have been revised to address the identified issues facing the Borough and are now more locally distinctive. The objectives are now included within each section.
- vision should be one where residents and visitors can travel without traffic delay;	Noted.
- need to impose moratorium on all new building work until traffic flow chaos is resolved;	It is accepted that transport infrastructure needs to improve to assist in creating new job opportunities. However off-peak Gosport has good relative accessibility to the motorway and with low land values and specialist facilities (marine, aviation high-tech specialisms) the Borough will be able to attract new jobs if appropriate land is made available.
- there should be greater protection of waterfront sites for marine employment and leisure facilities;	The Vision has been amended to reflect the importance of protecting key employment assets such as waterfront access for marine uses. Policies <i>LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre</i> , <i>LP6: Haslar Peninsula</i> and <i>LP16: Employment Land</i> also includes reference to the protection of waterfront sites for employment and leisure facilities.
- more emphasis needs to be given to the delivery of key infrastructure;	Significant work has been undertaken by the Borough Council and its partners on infrastructure particularly transport. This is set out in the Gosport Infrastructure Delivery Plan and supporting documents. Whilst proposed transport improvements will help alleviate some of the problems there are currently limited funds available for other improvements. The Borough's strategy is therefore to work with what is available and develop an employment-led strategy focussing on its particular strengths (marine, advanced manufacturing and aviation).
- reference needs to be made regarding	<i>Policy LP24: Housing</i> has been amended to

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the needs of an ageing population;	take this into account.
- protection should be given to important employment assets (aviation, marine);	This is dealt with by <i>Policy LP16: Employment Land</i> .
- elements of the vision/objectives should be more flexible (including statements relating to renewable energy, flood defences, provision of infrastructure);	The Local Plan objectives have been revised to more closely address the identified issues facing the Borough and are now more locally distinctive. The objectives are now included in each section.
· Suggestions made of how the Vision should refer to Haslar (including saving the Hospital, and providing health and care facilities as part of a mixed use site); and	The Vision has now been amended to take this into account.
· Vision should reflect the importance of the Daedalus for aviation and employment.	Dealt with by <i>Policy LP5: Daedalus</i> . The Vision also now refers to Daedalus being a hub of new aviation.
4. Sustainable Development	
· Policy CS1 on Sustainable Development is superfluous.	In line with GOSE's comments <i>Policy CS1: Sustainable Development and Climate Change</i> of the Core Strategy: Preferred Options has been removed. Its key principles now form part of the Spatial Strategy with key detailed information included in the 'Creating a Sustainable Environment' section.
· Support that the limit to the waste water treatment capacity at Peel Common has been recognised. Southern Water would also require explicit reference of the issue in the infrastructure section and more detailed criteria regarding waste water considerations to be included.	Further work has been included in the Infrastructure section and supporting documents including the Gosport Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Assessment Report. This issue has also been dealt with by Policies <i>LP38: Sustainable Construction</i> and <i>LP40: Water Resources</i> with associated text included in the 'Creating a Sustainable Environment' section.
· Support for elements of CS1 and associated text in relation to pollution control, the priority of development on brownfield land, the need to reduce water consumption (but not at any cost), the importance of protecting and enhancing biodiversity, the importance of ensuring development is resilient and adaptable to climate change and the need to reduce flood risk.	Policy CS1: Sustainable Development and Climate Change was deleted following advice from GOSE. The issues included in this former policy are now dealt with in the relevant policies of the Draft Local Plan (i.e. <i>LP3: Spatial Strategy</i> , the Regeneration Area policies (LP4-LP7), the Allocation's policies (LP9A-LP9D), <i>LP10: Design Principles</i> , <i>LP16: Employment Land</i> , <i>LP38: Sustainable Construction</i> , <i>LP40: Water Resources</i> , LP42-44 relating to nature conservation, <i>LP46: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion</i> and <i>LP47: Pollution Control</i>).
· Need to recognise the importance of protecting waterfront access for marine industries.	This issue is now dealt with by Policies <i>LP3: Spatial Strategy</i> , <i>LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre</i> and <i>LP16: Employment Land</i> .
· Support from some key stakeholders for	Noted. Policies LP38-LP41 (see list of

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the Sustainable Construction Policy (CS2) (Environment Agency, Southern Water, PUSH and the RSPB).	policies in the Local Plan for further detail) now form the basis for <i>Policy CS2: Sustainable Construction</i> which was published in the Core Strategy: Preferred Options.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern regarding the achievability, cost effectiveness and desirability of securing level 6 of the Code for Sustainable Homes with regard to water efficiency (Portsmouth Water) also issues arising from ensuring these standards are enforced and that equipment used to achieving higher standards are maintained. Also necessary to ensure systems remain hygienic and that there no negative health impacts on residents (Southern Water). 	The Draft Local Plan now includes revised timetables for the Code for Sustainable Homes and BREEAM standards. Level 5 of the Code for Sustainable Homes which incorporates the latest Government definition of Zero Carbon Homes is now expected to be achieved from 2016. The BREEAM 'Excellent' standard is now expected to be achieved by 2013. These timetables are also in line with PUSH which has support from the Environment Agency on this issue.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to ensure that the adoption of standards do not make developments unviable. 	A viability element has been included in <i>Policy LP38: Sustainable Construction</i> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council should adopt standards in line with Government timescale not slightly ahead of them. 	The proposed timescales for achieving Level 5 of the Code for Sustainable Homes have been set from 2016 in order to be zero carbon. This is consistent with the Government's intention that all new homes should be zero carbon by 2016. This is set out in the explanatory text to <i>Policy LP38: Sustainable Construction</i> . These timetables are also in line with PUSH which has support from the EA on this issue.
5. Spatial Strategy and Infrastructure	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General support has been given for an employment-led mixed use regeneration strategy as opposed to a residential (dormitory town) approach. 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition that there is a need for more employment opportunities, which can assist with the reduction of congestion and compensate for jobs lost over recent years. 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The re-use of brownfield sites was supported. 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support has been given to providing a range of business premises and meeting the needs of the Borough's existing clusters (marine, aviation, hi-tech manufacturing). 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some opinions that there should be a higher employment floorspace figure to deliver the necessary job opportunities whereas others considered the figure is too high and there is not sufficient 	Agree that Gosport needs to maximise employment in the Borough and hence it has set an ambitious net gain employment floorspace figure of 84,000 sq.m over the plan period. This is a minimum figure and it is

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demand.	considered that greater intensification at the Daedalus site, as well as opportunities at Haslar and Blockhouse will result in exceeding this figure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific support has been given for employment at particular sites including Daedalus, Gosport Waterfront and the Haslar peninsula. 	Noted. <i>Policy LP5: Daedalus</i> provides the focus for much of the new employment opportunities within the Borough. Policies <i>LP4: Gosport Waterfront and Gosport Town Centre</i> and <i>LP6: Haslar Peninsula</i> also makes provision for new employment opportunities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View expressed that the Former Frater House site was not appropriate for employment purposes. 	The Borough Council considers that there is a requirement for additional employment land in the Borough and that the site is appropriate to develop for B1-8 uses. <i>Policy LP9B: Allocations outside of Regeneration Areas: Employment sites</i> allocates the site for employment use.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With regard to residential development there is concern regarding the impact of residential development on congestion and existing services and that there is a need to ensure development is supported by sufficient facilities (education, health, leisure and retail) to support the local population. 	Infrastructure particularly transport related is considered a key priority for the Borough as is the creation of employment opportunities. It is envisaged that the additional housing can help deliver this.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is concern that a 4,000 dwelling scenario is being tested and that a higher housing figure would contradict the Council's aim to maximize employment opportunities. 	The higher scenario was investigated as it was considered likely that the Borough would exceed the dwellings figure set out in the South East Plan. The South Hampshire Strategy was subsequently revised and agreed by PUSH which set a new housing allocation figure for Gosport which was higher than that in the South East Plan and closer to that which reflected the higher scenario.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern that higher housing figures would not be supported by sufficient infrastructure. 	The infrastructure assessment work showed that there were significant differences in the level of infrastructure provision between the initial 2,500 and 4,000 scenarios but potentially more benefits with the higher growth scenario. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan was published which reflected the higher housing figure in the Draft Local Plan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern that this level of residential development has the potential to impact upon internationally important habitats. 	A Habitat Regulations Assessment has been published. Where necessary the Draft Local Plan has adopted appropriate mitigation measures in numerous policies to ensure the integrity of internationally important habitats is not affected.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In relation to retail there was generally support for the protection and enhancement of existing centres, particularly improving the range of shops 	It is considered that maintaining and enhancing the town centre's vitality and viability through a realistic level of new floorspace outweighs the objective of clawing

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in Gosport Town Centre.	back higher levels of retail expenditure.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Whilst there was support for the potential to extend the town centre into the Gosport Waterfront area concern was expressed to ensure that this does not detract from the existing town centre or the potential for marine employment on the waterside. 	The Gosport Waterfront has been considered in <i>Policy LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre</i> whereby it is recognised that new development will need to complement the town centre.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A view was expressed that the 11,000 sq.m figure of retail floorspace was too low and rather arbitrary and that a higher figure would be required to reduce the amount of expenditure lost to neighbouring areas. 	It is important to note that GVA have also carried out analysis regarding increasing market share, which complements the original study. This has informed the figure of 10,500 sq.m. which has been included within the Draft Local Plan in <i>Policy LP3: Spatial Strategy</i> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Support given to the Council's proposals to protect and enhance green infrastructure including maintaining existing settlement gaps. 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · There is strong support for safeguarding existing facilities, particularly education, health and leisure facilities unless it can be clearly demonstrated there is no longer a need for a particular facility. Facilities should be located in accessible locations. 	Policies <i>LP32: Community and Built Leisure Facilities</i> and <i>LP33: Cemetery Provision</i> will seek to ensure that appropriate facilities are protected and improved.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · With regard to infrastructure the following points were made: 	n/a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the draft Plan is not supported by adequate evidence to demonstrate how, when and by whom the new infrastructure will be delivered. Information should also be provided regarding the costs, funding and phasing. Insufficient consideration has also been given regarding contingencies should the required infrastructure not be delivered. 	The Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Infrastructure Assessment have been published alongside the Draft Local Plan. These help to address the identified issues.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - further work is required regarding the required level of green infrastructure that is required; 	It is acknowledged that green infrastructure has an important role in diverting visitors from sensitive sites. This is explicitly recognised in the Draft Local Plan with it being stated in <i>Policy LP8: Alver Valley</i> that the promotion of the Alver Valley as a Country Park will be a major area of green infrastructure.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there is a need to submit an infrastructure delivery plan. 	This has been published alongside the Draft Local Plan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - specific infrastructure issues were highlighted including: 	n/a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the lack of capacity at the waste water treatment works at Peel Common at the end of the period; 	Southern Water are confident that sufficient capacity can be provided by one or more options. This is referred to in the supporting text to <i>Policy LP40: Water Resources</i> .

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* the need to ensure the appropriate flood risk management infrastructure can be delivered;	Flood risk management has been specifically referred to in the explanatory text to <i>Policy LP2: Infrastructure</i> . However, the Draft Local Plan can only provide the framework in place to allow for the delivery of infrastructure including flood risk management infrastructure.
* that mitigation measures are put in place with regard to the strategic highway;	The PBA Study covering the four harbour authorities concludes that the growth on the Gosport peninsula does not show significant problems on the strategic highway network (SRN).
- Support for the Council's intention to secure infrastructure via developer contributions;	Noted. <i>Policy LP2: Infrastructure</i> will have particular regard to the Council's intention to secure infrastructure via developer contributions.
- There is a need to consider viability issues when assessing the levels of contributions; and	Viability issues have been appropriately considered in the Draft Local Plan.
· With regard to green infrastructure the following views were expressed:	n/a
- Support for the Council's intention to secure green infrastructure.	Noted. <i>Policy LP42: Green Infrastructure</i> specifically deals with the Council's intention to secure green infrastructure. <i>Policy LP8: Alver Valley</i> will also enable the provision of a major area of green infrastructure.
- Further work is required regarding the required level of green infrastructure provision.	It is acknowledged that green infrastructure has an important role in diverting visitors from sensitive areas. This is explicitly recognised in the Draft Local Plan with it being stated in <i>Policy LP8: Alver Valley</i> that the promotion of the Alver Valley as a Country Park will be a major area of green infrastructure.
- strong support from a number of agencies regarding the inclusion of a green infrastructure policy which recognises the multi-functionality of open space;	Noted.
- cross-boundary working is welcomed;	Noted.
- need to provide further clarity on the protection of open spaces; and	The Borough Council considers that the presumption against development of all open spaces should be set out in the Draft Local Plan. The supporting text to <i>Policy LP35: Protection of Existing Open Space</i> states that the Borough Council will resist the loss of green space due to local deficiencies and the important role open spaces have in the densely populated area. The explanatory text highlights exceptional circumstances where open space can be developed.
- need to be more explicit regarding the role of green infrastructure for deflecting	It is acknowledged that green infrastructure has an important role in diverting visitors

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visitor pressure on more sensitive sites.	away from internationally and nationally important habitats and other sensitive locations. This is explicitly recognised in the introductory text to <i>Policy LP42: Green Infrastructure</i> .
6. Strategic Areas	
- concern that the Habitat Regulation requirements have not been fully assessed for many of the sites (Waterfront, Daedalus, Haslar Peninsula, Rowner);	A full HRA has been undertaken to support the Draft Local Plan.
- further consideration required regarding arrangements for waste water treatment (Waterfront, Town Centre, Daedalus, Haslar Peninsula, Rowner); and	<i>Policy LP40: Water Resources</i> addresses this issue.
- further consideration required of flood risk issues (Waterfront, Town Centre, and Haslar Peninsula).	The Borough Council has produced a Regeneration Areas SFRA (GBC 2010) which sets out the required evidence justifying the identification of these sites for development and that there are no reasonably available sites. Further detailed studies have been undertaken for key regeneration sites including the Gosport Waterfront and Haslar. The physical flood risk management infrastructure to deliver the proposed sites is set out in the Draft Local Plan and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Assessment.
· Specific comments relating to the Gosport Waterfront include:	n/a
- Support from a number of organisations regarding the redevelopment of this area;	Noted.
- need to protect access to deep water for marine industries;	Noted. <i>Policy LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre</i> includes reference to the need for protecting deepwater access.
- the site should not detract from the Town Centre and other local centres;	It is noted in the explanatory text to <i>Policy LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre</i> that initiatives for Gosport Waterfront and Gosport Town Centre will need to compliment each other with good linkages between the two areas.
- Falkland Gardens needs to be protected;	The retention of Falkland Gardens is noted in <i>Policy LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre</i> .
- Need to ensure some form of ferry/bus interchange is maintained; and	<i>Policy LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre</i> will ensure that a new transport interchange for the ferry and bus is developed.
- Housing should not be a prime focus for the site.	Noted. However, as part of the process, it has become clear that a greater level of residential development is required than

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	originally anticipated in order to deliver a viable mixed use scheme. <i>Policy LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre</i> would allow provision for a mix of uses although it was recognised that in order to achieve a viable mix, it was recognised that it would be necessary to include residential development.
- Specific comments relating to Gosport Town Centre include;	n/a
- Support plans to improve the evening economy;	Noted.
- Borough Council could be more proactive regarding town centre proposals;	The policy is considered to be proactive.
· Specific comments relating to Daedalus include:	n/a
- General support for an employment-led development site;	Noted.
- Whilst the importance of aviation is recognised, the Core Strategy should give more emphasis on the need to fully incorporate the airfield within future proposals for the Daedalus Waterfront area in order to deliver an economically viable employment-led development;	Policy LP5: Daedalus and the Daedalus SPD recognise this issue.
- The airfield and SEEDA land must be placed in common control in order to deliver the desired economic objectives;	The HCA owns all of the Daedalus land.
- Daedalus has tremendous potential for marine industries;	Noted.
- Concern of the impact of the development on the Strategic Road Network;	The planning application for the Daedalus site included transport measures.
- Concern regarding the proposed western access and the impact on traffic going through Stubbington;	This is not a proposal in Gosport.
- Concern regarding the suggested route of the east-west link road and impact on potential aviation uses;	An east-west link is no longer proposed. Instead the site will be served by western and eastern access points to serve the site rather than encouraging east-west movement. This issue has been detailed in the Daedalus SPD on agreement with Fareham Borough Council.
- Support and concern for a potential marina particularly in relation to the impact on important habitats);	Due to identified environmental constraints a marina proposal has not been included in the Draft Local Plan.
- The flexibility of wording could allow too many houses and undermine the employment maximisation aims for this site;	Noted. It is stated in the explanatory text that in exceptional circumstances additional housing will need to be justified in relation to the economic benefits of the scheme.
- Off-site water supply works will be required;	Amend information on infrastructure accordingly.
· Specific comments relating to Royal Hospital Haslar include:	n/a

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- Site should be maintained as a hospital;	The Borough Council aims to ensure that it can be clearly demonstrated that the health needs of the Borough previously supplied by Haslar have been fully met and that the site can accommodate new health, medical and care facilities. This is reflected in <i>Policy LP6: Haslar Peninsula</i> .
- Need to encourage a wide range of uses for the site;	<i>Policy LP6: Haslar Peninsula</i> is considered to be sufficiently flexible in providing for a mixture of uses whilst maintaining the priority for medical, health and care facilities including residential care as prime uses for the site.
- Support expressed for a health/care-led mixed use regeneration site;	Support noted.
- Difficult to insist on ensuring improved bus and waterbus improvements;	Reference to water-based transport needing to be considered has been deleted from <i>Policy LP6: Haslar Peninsula</i> . However, it is still possible that this could be provided for under the requirement for improving public transport services if there is a demand for such water-based services. It is noted in the explanatory text to Policy LP6 that consideration should also be given to water based transport from Blockhouse.
- Concern regarding road access to the site (and Blockhouse);	It is stated in <i>Policy LP6: Haslar Peninsula</i> that any additional traffic generated by development shall be within the capacity of the existing road network.
- More emphasis required on the need to restore historic buildings and therefore need to be more flexible on uses;	Noted.
- Concern regarding the viability of delivery a mixed use site when considering the potential infrastructure requirements (such as affordable housing);	It will need to be demonstrated that the provision of an affordable mix of housing on the site would not make it unviable to develop.
- Constraints relating nature conservation, contamination and flood risk are acknowledged;	Noted.
· Specific comments relating to Blockhouse include:	n/a
- Support for the regeneration of Blockhouse including marine and tourism uses;	Noted.
- Blockhouse is likely to be released in the short-medium term;	Noted.
- Site already has significant living accommodation; and	The explanatory text of <i>Policy LP6: Haslar Peninsula</i> now includes reference to existing living accommodation on the site.
- Need to protect playing field.	It is noted in <i>Policy LP6: Haslar Peninsula</i> that planning permission will be granted for proposals provided the sports field on the site is retained.

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· Specific comments relating to Rowner include:	n/a
- general support for the proposals to regenerate the Rowner area;	Noted.
- proposals for the wider Rowner area (outside of the specific Rowner Renewal scheme) will not need to be included within the forthcoming Site Allocations and Delivery DPD as it is included as part of the Rowner Strategic Area [now referred to as Regeneration Areas];	Merging the Core Strategy and the previously proposed Site Allocations DPD into the Draft Local Plan means that this is no longer an outstanding issue.
- Plan contains too much detail (e.g. green corridors);	It is clear that the plans are indicative in nature outlining some key considerations.
- Include details regarding recent consents but not include outline consent proposals in policy;	This is considered to be too detailed to include in the Draft Local Plan and will date quickly. Mention of the outline planning permission in the explanatory text to <i>Policy LP7: Rowner</i> is considered to be sufficient.
- Concerns regarding viability when dealing with infrastructure requirements (such as affordable housing, transport, education)	This has been addressed in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Infrastructure Assessment Report.
· Specific comments regarding the Alver Valley:	n/a
- Support for the creation of a Country Park	Noted.
- The site is an important part of green infrastructure network for the sub-region	Noted.
- Is the Park deliverable if proposals for the Portsmouth FC training club do not come to fruition?	Yes. A revised masterplan will be prepared which will enable the Alver Valley to be developed into a Country Park. This would include revised proposals for the northern area where the Portsmouth Football Club pitches were proposed to be located.
7. Design and Heritage	n/a
· Support for merging design and heritage elements.	Noted. Dealt with by Policies <i>LP10: Design Principles</i> and LP11-LP13 (see list of policies in the Local Plan for further detail).
· Need to ensure applications are supported by the relevant design information	<i>Policy LP10: Design Principles</i> will ensure that planning permission will be refused for development of poor design that fails to take opportunities available for improving the character and quality of an area and the way it functions.
· Support for the need to find viable uses for historic buildings	Noted.
· Support for the need for historic sites to have design principles-further guidance may be required	Noted.
· Support for the incorporation of biodiversity within the design of new development	Noted. <i>Policy LP10: Design Principles</i> will help to ensure that biodiversity is incorporated into the design of new

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	development.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Include the term 'Areas of Special Characters' rather than the specific one in Lee as further areas may be designated in the future. The areas listed should include the Marine Parade Area of Special Character. 	This has been dealt with by retitling the policy; <i>Policy LP14: Areas of Special Character</i> .
8. Economy and Employment	n/a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Support for an employment-led strategy 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Support for the protection of important employment assets (marine, aviation); 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Support for recognising the need to build on existing clusters particularly marine industries; 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Concerns regarding the impact of the proposed SDA North of Fareham on Gosport should not be included in the Core Strategy; 	This is not referred to in the Draft Local Plan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The Council should be more flexible on allowing other uses on existing employment sites; 	<i>Policy LP16: Employment Land</i> and Box 9.2 in the explanatory text provide greater clarity for non B1-8 uses which constitute economic development. This is in accordance with the NPPF and what constitutes economic development.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The proposed employment land requirements are too optimistic; 	The Borough Council considers that the employment floorspace target is a challenging but appropriate figure in order to meet its employment-led regeneration objectives. The figure is reflected in Policies <i>LP3: Spatial Strategy</i> and <i>LP16: Employment Land</i> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Policy should include reference to the role of ICT; 	<i>Policy LP20: Information and Communications Technology</i> has been added to the Draft Local Plan. This will help to support and promote the use of ICT within the Borough.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Support for the role that Daedalus and the Royal Hospital Haslar site can play in attracting new employment; 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Viability issues need to be considered on the Gosport Waterfront in terms of the types of employment uses that could be accommodated; 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Recognition that Sultan could be an important employment site if released; 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Support for the Council's policy to aim to improve skills in the Borough; 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Little detail is provided in how the Council aims to improve skill levels in the Borough; 	The explanatory text to <i>Policy LP17: Skills</i> includes reference to a number of key measures that will help to improve skill levels within the Borough.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Support for the Council's commitment to 	Noted.

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strengthen Gosport's links with the coast and maritime heritage within Portsmouth Harbour;	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stokes Bay should be developed for tourism; 	It is envisaged that Stokes Bay will remain an area of strategic importance for outdoor recreation for Gosport residents. It is not considered appropriate to develop a commercial tourism approach for this area as it would detract from the character of the Bay. Instead the current level of facilities including a limited number of commercial enterprises would be considered to be more in character with the Stokes bay area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further details need to be included on how tourism proposals link with the town centre and new transport proposals; 	Key locations for potential tourism opportunities are identified throughout the plan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern regarding how tourism related development will impact upon internationally important habitats; 	All development issues are addressed as part of the work undertaken on the Habitats Regulations Assessment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to ensure the tourism policy protects and improves existing marina and marine-related visitor attractions and where possible expanding the range of such facilities; and 	Proposals for new and extended marinas are dealt with by <i>Policy LP19: Marinas and Moorings</i> and the explanatory text.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to include criteria to protect important interest (historic buildings, nature conservation and residential amenity) in the tourism policy. 	Policies on the historic environment are dealt with in the historic assets policies.
9. Transport and Accessibility	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and supporting text should follow the principles of 'Reduce, Manage and Invest'; 	Dealt with by <i>Policy LP21: Improving Transport Infrastructure</i> whereby reference is made to the 'Reduce, Manage and Invest' approach.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A review of Delivering a Sustainable Transport System (DaSTS) required; 	The Council considers that investment in public transport and other measures, including highways, is essential as no one mode can practically meet all needs. This is reflected in Policies <i>LP21: Improving Transport Infrastructure</i> and <i>LP22: Accessibility to New Development</i> with specific reference to how DaSTS has informed the Draft Local Plan in the introductory text.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further work on Infrastructure Planning is required to provide a robust and credible evidence base; 	The Infrastructure Assessment Report and Delivery Plan have been published alongside the Draft Local Plan and the transport element will be based upon schemes being supported or promoted by Hampshire County Council – the local Highway Authority who have the powers to implement such schemes.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Identification of mitigation measures is required to minimize the individual/ cumulative impacts of developments. Further consideration is also required as to which schemes are included in the policy and/or supporting text (such as where schemes are within an adjacent administrative area); and 	<p>Transport for South Hampshire have published an Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2012-2016 which identified mitigation measures. The Transport for South Hampshire Joint Committee has also resolved that the findings of the StAG shall inform both the LDF's of Fareham and Gosport Borough Councils. Gosport Borough Council and Hampshire County Council will seek to ensure the Fareham LDF reflects the StAG Implementation Plan, and measures currently identified for future consideration.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Some concerns over details of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) scheme in relation to cycling facilities. 	<p>It is noted in the explanatory text to <i>Policy LP21: Improving Transport Infrastructure</i> that BRT phase 1a is a shared bus/cycle route extending the existing off road cycle track towards Fareham and offering an alternative to the A32.</p>
10. Housing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Affordable housing percentages in the Borough need to be set at an appropriate level and also contain a degree of flexibility; 	<p>This matter is addressed in the Gosport Viability Assessment 2010. The explanatory text to <i>Policy LP24: Housing</i> addresses this issue.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ensure affordable housing requirements are not prohibitive to development of brownfield land, where higher costs are incurred. There is also a need for evidence to justify the viability of affordable housing; 	<p>These matters are addressed in the Gosport Viability Assessment 2010 which has informed revisions made to <i>Policy LP24: Housing</i>.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Need to have regard to the SE Plan regional density figure of 40 dwellings per hectare; 	<p>Regional Planning has now been abolished. <i>Policy LP24: Housing</i> makes no reference to minimum densities in line with the NPPF whereby local authorities can set their own approach to housing density to reflect local circumstances.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Need to indicate when higher densities are more appropriate; 	<p><i>Policy LP24: Housing</i> already includes some information on where higher densities may be more appropriate (e.g. Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · There should be a threshold above which a mix of development types, size and tenure are required; and 	<p>Whilst it is accepted that the policy should not refer to individual dwellings it is considered that a threshold would be too prescriptive in terms of size and mix. Therefore, no change has been made to <i>Policy LP24: Housing</i>.</p>
11. Retail and Community Facilities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Proactive approach towards provision of new retail floorspace in the Borough has been welcomed and recognition of the need to stem leakage of retail expenditure to outside of the Borough; 	<p>Noted.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Clarification sought on out-of-centre proposals; 	<p>Noted. <i>Policy LP30: Local Shops outside of Defined Centres</i> provides further clarification on this issue and therefore expands upon <i>Policy CS18: Town, District and Local</i></p>

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	<i>Centres</i> which was published in the Core Strategy: Preferred Options.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Enhancement required in document to emphasise strategic role of different centres and the scale of retail development considered to be appropriate; 	<p><i>Policy LP3: Spatial Strategy</i> quantifies the overall scale of retail development envisaged within the Borough over the plan period. <i>Policies LP4: The Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre</i> and <i>LP7: Rowner</i> also include details on the scale of retail development proposed. The hierarchy of centres is also set out in <i>Policy LP27: Principal, District and Neighbourhood Centres</i>.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The role of the Gosport Waterfront in supporting the longer term regeneration of the wider town centre is welcomed; 	Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Policy needs to be more flexible in order to allow for public service providers to be responsive to evolving service needs; and 	No change to the policy wording has been made in the Draft Local Plan (see bullet point 5b of <i>Policy LP32: Community and Built Leisure Facilities</i>).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Concern raised about the ability of the policy as worded to influence non Council owned facilities and protect existing community facilities. 	<i>Policy LP32: Community and Built Leisure Facilities</i> will help to protect both Council owned facilities and existing community facilities.
12. Open Space	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Policy should address the issue of anti-social behavior. 	<i>Policy LP34: Provision of New Open Space and Improvements to Existing Open Space</i> will help to ensure that planning permission will be granted for proposals to create or improve open space provided that they are they are designed to achieve the Council's 'good' quality standards and they do not have a significant adverse impact on the amenities of local residents. It is considered that this could therefore help deal with issues such as anti-social behaviour.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns regarding the Council's intention to protect existing open spaces including; 	n/a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sites currently not accessed by the public should not be protected 	The saved policies of the Gosport Local Plan Review details the individual designations of protected open spaces and allocated open spaces. <i>Policy LP9D: Allocations Outside the Regeneration Areas: Leisure Community Uses and Open Spaces</i> of the Draft Local Plan states that the Stokesmead site should be developed as a public park. It is acknowledged in the explanatory text to <i>Policy LP9D</i> that there is currently a deficiency of local play facilities within this part of Gosport and that the Borough Council will seek to acquire Stokesmead Field for public open space uses through negotiations with the owners.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - greater flexibility should be given to the 	It is noted in the explanatory text to <i>Policy</i>

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development of school playing fields	<i>LP35: Protection of Existing Open Space</i> that Sport England as a statutory consultee will be consulted where development is proposed on school playing fields. However, it is also recognised that the Borough has significant brownfield land to meet its development requirements.
- the development of open spaces can provide other community benefits	It is noted in the explanatory text to <i>Policy LP35: Protection of Existing Open Space</i> that development on part of an existing open space may be acceptable in order to provide a recreational or community facility needed by local residents. It is also stated that in exceptional circumstances, planning permission may be granted for development at a recreational site, provided that alternative provision of equal or better value can be created to serve the same community.
· The protection of existing open spaces is supported	Noted.
· The provision of open space in connection with new residential development is supported	Noted.
· The provision of new open space as part of a residential development may not always be viable	This is dealt with by <i>Policy LP34: Provision of New Open Space and Improvements to Existing Open Space</i> and specifically within the explanatory text to the policy.
· Explicit reference to the protection and creation of additional allotments is required	<i>Policy LP36: Allotments</i> will allow for the specific protection and creation of additional allotments.
· An up-to date evidence base is required to demonstrate that there is a deficiency of open space	A refresh of the 2010 Open Space Monitoring Report (December 2012) has been published which highlights deficiencies in the quality and quantity of open space.
· Need to ensure that greater access to the coast and countryside does not affect important habitats	This has been considered as part of the HRA. It is also stated in <i>Policy LP37: Access to the Coast and Countryside</i> that planning permission will be granted for appropriate new development provided that access does not adversely affect important habitats and species through disturbance of sensitive areas.
13. Biodiversity and Geological Conservation	
· Support from a number of environmental agencies and local groups	Noted.
· Policy could be considered as too detailed for the Core Strategy	The Draft Local Plan now includes additional detail following the decision to merge the Core Strategy and the Site Allocations DPD with policies LP43-LP45 (see list of policies in the Local Plan for further detail) now providing a specific focus for protecting biodiversity and geological conservation.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment required to justification text to better reflect legislation relating to European sites 	<p>The explanatory text to <i>Policy LP43: Internationally and Nationally Important Habitats</i> has been amended to take account of the latest legislation relating to the Government's Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 which transpose the European Union Habitats Directive into national law.</p>
14. Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was recognised that that where redevelopment is ongoing as part of an existing regeneration strategy in flood zones 2 and 3 it has to be accepted that the redevelopment cannot go anywhere else, as there are no other reasonably available sites. It was considered essential that the decisions are supported by a clear, robust evidence base demonstrating how they were reached. It was also considered that the Core Strategy should be supported by evidence of the physical flood risk management infrastructure required to enable the delivery of the development proposed. The Core Strategy will also need to demonstrate whether any flood risk management infrastructure is needed to make the proposed development sites safe from flooding across their lifetimes, and if so, how and when it will be delivered 	<p>The Borough Council has produced a Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2012) which sets out the required evidence justifying the identification of these sites for development and that there are no other reasonably available sites. Further detailed studies have also been undertaken for key regeneration sites including the Gosport Waterfront and Haslar. The River Hamble to Portchester Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy' will form an integral part of identifying the appropriate form of flood risk management infrastructure. The Borough Council is also engaged in on-going stakeholder consultation with the Environment Agency and Solent Coastal Partnership on this matter.</p> <p>Further detailed studies have been undertaken for key regeneration sites including the Gosport Waterfront and Haslar. The physical flood risk management infrastructure to deliver the proposed sites is set out in the Draft Local Plan and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Assessment. The adopted 'North Solent Shoreline Management Plan', the 'South East Hampshire Catchment Flood Management Plan' and the preparation of the 'River Hamble to Portchester Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy' will also help to inform decisions on appropriate future local flood risk management measures and to ensure that development avoids areas at risk from adverse coastal change.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is important to consider deliverability of sites within the context of flood risk 	Agree.
15. Implementation and Monitoring	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Strategic Infrastructure Table lacks details such as funding and timescales. 	<p>A detailed Infrastructure Assessment Report and accompanying Infrastructure Delivery Plan have been published alongside the Draft Local Plan and provide this information.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific concerns relating the provision of cemeteries, waste water treatment, 	<p>Policies <i>LP32: Community and Built Leisure Facilities</i>, <i>LP33: Cemetery Provision</i> and</p>

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indoor leisure facilities	<i>LP40: Water Resources</i> will help to address each of these concerns. Furthermore, current legislation allows the re-use of existing cemeteries, and emerging methods of burial may reduce the land required for cemetery provision. Predicting future requirements are difficult and based on a number of factors, which inform projections. The assessment of need is incremental, and there is presently an increased trend for cremations.
· Support that the Annual Monitoring report will be used to monitor the policies of the Core Strategy.	Noted.
16. Other Comments on the Core Strategy	
· General support from a number of organisations regarding the Core Strategy as a whole and its policies	Noted.
· The document does not focus on the single most important factor which is the transport infrastructure	The Draft Local Plan has to deal with a range of issues. It is considered that transport is an important focus of the document. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan has been published alongside the Draft Local Plan.
· The strategy does not fully embrace the integrated spatial approach	Noted.
· No indication of what happens after 2026	This is the Plan period of the former SE Plan. The Local Plan has been extended to 2029. Further reviews will cover later years. In some cases particularly in relation to sea-level change regard is given to the longer term consequences.
· It would be useful if there was an abridged version.	The Core Strategy has been replaced by the Draft Local Plan.
· The consultation period was too short.	Six weeks is the statutory period. However at the Regulation 25 consultations (Issues and Options, and Preferred Option stages) the Borough Council has been flexible with closing dates and has considered responses after the 6 week period.
17. Sustainability Appraisal	
· Of the three options assessed for the spatial strategy, the first and second options are in particular supported, which emphasise an employment-led regeneration of brownfield sites (Option 1) and an employment-led regeneration with a greater emphasis of enabling mixed-use development on key regeneration sites (Option 2).	Comments regarding the options outlined in the Sustainability Appraisal which informs the Spatial Strategy are noted.
There is uncertainty regarding how the required infrastructure necessary to support the Council's Preferred Strategy will be delivered, when it will be provided, and by whom. In assessing options the	It is considered that the Sustainability Appraisal does consider issues relating to infrastructure and its delivery.

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Assessment has failed to give adequate regard to the question of resources and how their availability might affect the options available to the Council.	

APPENDIX2

**CALL FOR SITES CONSULTATION LETTER
LIST**

Call for Sites Consultation Letter List

Addleshaw Goddard
 Advanced Marine Innovation
 Affinity Sutton Homes Group
 Alliance Planning
 Allsop LLP
 Barton Willmore
 Bellway Homes (Wessex)
 BNP Paribas - Email Only
 Bridgemary Centre
 Brimble,Lea & Partners
 British Telecom Plc
 Bryan Jezeph Consultancy
 Business Link Wessex
 Carter Jonas
 CB Richard Ellis
 CDC2020 Plc
 Chase & Partners
 Chris Thomas Ltd
 Cluttons LLP
 Colliers CRE
 Crescent Owners Association
 David Ames Associates
 Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)
 Diocesan Headquarters
 Downland Housing Association
 DPDS Consultancy Group - Email Consulting only
 DPP
 Drivers Jonas Deloitte
 Drum Housing Association
 DSDA Gosport
 Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership
 English Heritage South East
 Entec UK Ltd - Email consultation only
 Environment Agency

Fareham Reach Industrial Estate
 First Hampshire & Dorset
 First Wessex Group (Housing Association Ltd)
 Friends of Crescent Garden
 Friends of Stokes Bay
 Fusion On Line Ltd - Email consulting only
 G L Hearn
 Geo. Kingsbury Machine Tools Limited
 George Wimpey Southern Ltd
 GL Hearn Property Consultants
 Goadsby & Harding Commercial
 Gosport Allotment Holders & Gardeners Association
 Gosport Business Centre
 Gosport Society
 Gosport Voluntary Action
 Groundwork Solent
 Guinness Hermitage Housing Association
 GVA Grimley
 H.E.D.C.A.
 Hallam Land Management Ltd
 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Strategic Health Authority
 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
 Hampshire Community Healthcare
 Hampshire County Council Spatial Strategy Group
 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service
 Hanover Housing Association
 Haslar Marina
 Henry Adams Planning Ltd
 HM Naval Base
 HMS Sultan
 Home Builders Federation
 Homes and Communities Agency
 Hood House Limited
 Hugh Mark International
 Jones Day

Kings Sturge
 Kirkwells - Town Planning and Sustainable Development Consultants
 Lafarge Aggregates Limited
 Lambert Smith Hampton
 Lee Business Association
 Lee-on-the-Solent Community Association
 Lee-on-the-Solent Residents Association
 Lee-on-the-Solent Tennis, Squash & Fitness Club
 Lennon Planning Limited
 Levvel Consulting Ltd
 Lucken Beck Ltd
 M J D & Co
 Marina Projects Limited
 Marine Management Organisation
 Marine South East Ltd
 Martin Robeson Planning Practice
 Martineau
 Mayfair Investments
 Mono Consultants Limited
 Montpelier Estates Limited
 National Grid House
 Natural England
 NHS Hampshire
 Nicholas John Architects
 Openreach Newsites
 Orchard Homes
 Our Enterprise Haslar Ltd
 Peacock & Smith
 Peel Common Residents Association
 Persimmon Homes South Coast Ltd
 Portsmouth & South East Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
 Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust
 Portsmouth Teaching PCT
 Portsmouth Water Plc
 PRP Architects

Qinetiq
RPS
RSPB
Sanderson Business Centre
Savills
Scotia Gas Networks Plc
Scott Wilson
SGN (Southern Gas Network)
Smith Stuart Reynolds
Solent Protection Society
South Central Strategic Health Authority
South East Hampshire Enterprise Agency
Southern Gas Networks
Southern Planning Practice
Southern Water
Sport England South East
SSR Planning
St Vincent Collage
St. Matthews Court No. 1 Residents Co Ltd
Stewart Ross Associates
Stoke Road Baptist Church
Stokes Bay Sailing Club
Strutt and Parker
STS Defence
Terence O'Rourke
Tetlow King Planning
The Bampton Property Group Limited
The British Wind Energy Association
The Crown Estate
The Planning Bureau Limited
The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain
The Solent Electronic Home
The Theatres Trust - to be contacted by email
only
Tibbalds Planning & Urban Design
Tribal MJP
Turley Associates
Vail Williams

Vector Aerospace
Washbourne Greenwood Development
Planning
White Young Green

Note: A number of individuals who had previously requested to be kept informed were also sent consultation letters on the Call for Sites consultation.

APPENDIX 3

GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL WEB PAGE RELATING TO THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Print Screen of Link to Draft Local Plan Consultation on the Front Page of the Council Website

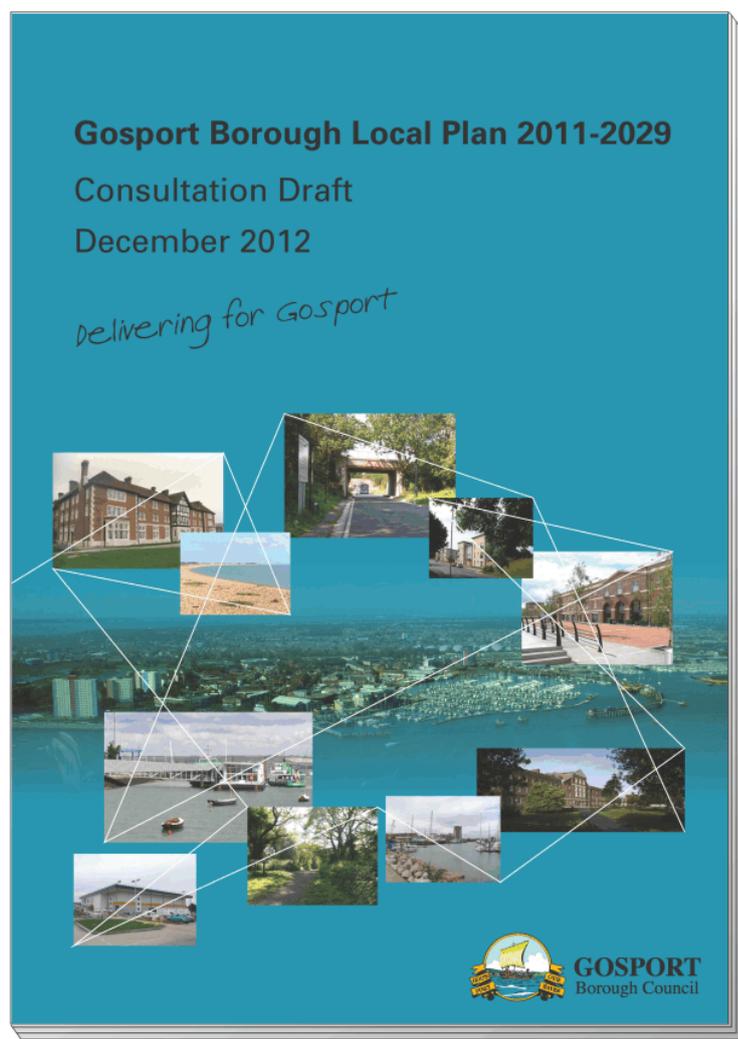


APPENDIX 4

DRAFT LOCAL PLAN LEAFLET

GOSPORT BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN 2011- 2029 Consultation Draft December 2012

*Shaping the future of Gosport.....
what are your views?*



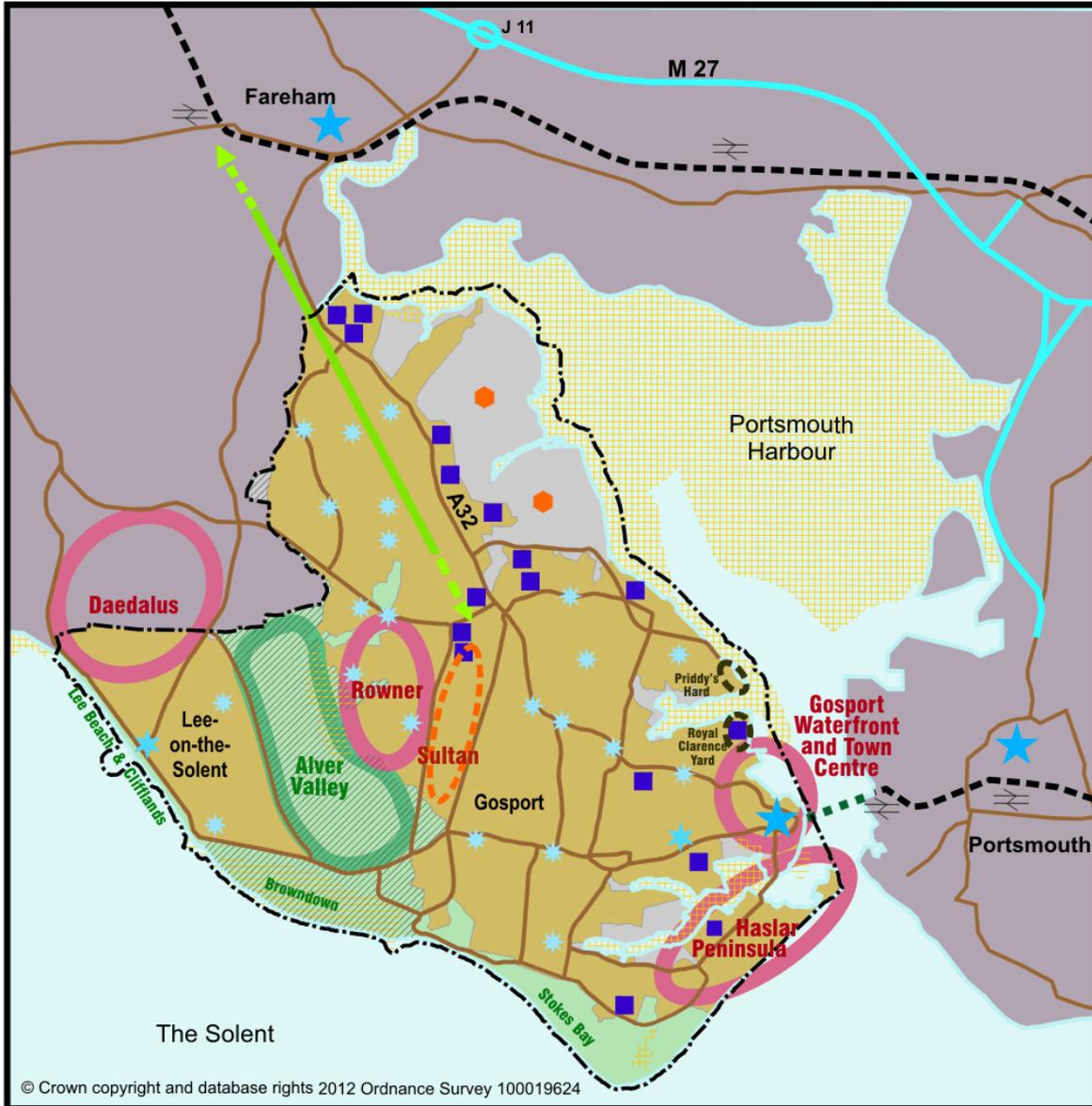
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**Wednesday 13th
February 2013**

This is a longer time than our normal consultation period as it makes an allowance for Christmas and New Year.

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Key Diagram : Gosport Borough



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| | BRT Route (phase 1) | | Major Operational Defence Agency Sites | | Regeneration Areas |
| | Indicative BRT Future Phases | | Major Open Spaces outside the urban area | Daedalus - Employment Led | |
| | Railway | | Urban Area within Gosport Borough | Rowner - Residential Led | |
| | Ferry | | Settlement Gap | Haslar Peninsula - Health/Care Led | |
| | Principal Centre | | Site of Special Scientific Interest | Gosport Waterfront - Mixed Use and Town Centre | |
| | District Centre | | International Nature Conservation Designations | | Regeneration Area for Green Infrastructure |
| | Local Centre | | | | Employment Priority Site (if released by MoD) |
| | Existing Key Employment Sites | | | | Other Major Development Sites |

The draft Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011 - 2029 sets out the overall vision for Gosport over the next 17 years. It includes proposals and policies that will shape the future of Gosport.

The draft Local Plan identifies sites that have the potential to be developed to best meet the Borough's needs for employment land, housing and community facilities. It also seeks to protect and enhance our heritage, open space and the wider environment.



We now need your views on the proposals for instance.

- **Have we** identified the right location for future growth?
 - **Should we** encourage an employment led strategy?
 - **Should we** protect our green space?
 - **Are we** meeting housing needs?

How to find out more?

The draft Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011- 2029 and Response Form is available for comment It can be viewed . on the Council's website www.gosport.gov.uk/localplan2029

or at the Town Hall (3rd floor reception)

or at the Discovery Centre and local libraries.

There will be an exhibition at the libraries until 12th February 2013

In addition the exhibition will be staffed between 10am-1pm at the following venues.

Elson Library:	12th January 2013
Lee Library:	19th January 2013
The Discovery Centre:	26th January 2013
Bridgemary Library:	2nd February 2013

How can I make comments?

The Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011 - 2029 Consultation Draft will be accompanied with a response form which asks for your views.

Please return your response form to the Planning Policy Section by Wednesday 13th February 2013.

E-mail: planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk

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APPENDIX 5

**DRAFT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION LETTER
LIST**

Draft Local Plan Consultation Letter List

Each of listed stakeholders were contacted via their preferred mode of contact (i.e. by letter and email) prior to publication to allow the opportunity to respond.

SPECIFIC CONSULTATION BODIES

Cable & Wireless
 English Heritage South East
 Environment Agency
 Fareham Borough Council
 Hampshire County Council
 Highways Agency
 Homes and Communities Agency
 Isle of Wight Council
 Natural England
 National Grid House
 Portsmouth City Council
 Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust (PCT)
 Portsmouth Teaching PCT
 Portsmouth Water Plc
 Scotia Gas Networks Plc

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

RSPB
 Affinity Sutton Housing
 Age UK
 Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (UK)

AOPA
 Association of British Insurers
 Business Link Wessex
 British Marine Federation
 British Telecom Plc
 CDC2020 Plc
 Civil Aviation Authority
 Country Land & Business Association
 CPRE Hampshire
 Defence Estates
 Defence Heritage Support Group
 Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)
 Diocesan Headquarters
 Downland Housing Association
 Driving Standards Agency
 Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership
 First Hampshire and Dorset
 Fusion On Line Ltd
 Green Issues Communications
 Guinness Hermitage Housing Association
 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Strategic Health Authority
 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
 Hampshire Community Healthcare
 Hampshire Constabulary
 Hampshire Economic Partnership –
 Marine Policy Group
 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service #
 Hampshire No.1 Circuit of Jehovah's Witnesses
 Hampshire No.2 Circuit of Jehovah's Witnesses

Hampshire Police Air Support Unit
 Hanover Housing Association
 HM Maritime and Coastguard Agency
 HM Naval Base
 HMS Sultan
 Home Builders Federation
 Home Group
 Hyde Housing Association
 HydeMartlet Housing Association
 Marine Management Organisation
 Naval Personal & Family Service
 New Forest District Council (Coastal Protection)

NHS Hampshire
 Member of Parliament
 Openreach NewSites
 Peel Common Residents Association
 Planning Inspectorate
 Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
 Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH)
 Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust
 Qinetiq Estates
 Radian Group Ltd
 Raglan Housing Association
 RSPB
 Scottish and Southern Energy
 Smart Futures
 Solent Forum
 Solent Protection Society

Sport England
 Sport England South East
 Solent Evening Women's Institute
 Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
 South Central Strategic Health Authority
 South East Hampshire Enterprise Agency
 South East Hants Green Party
 Southern Water
 SGN (Southern Gas Networks)
 Southern Gas Networks
 Thames Valley Gypsy Association
 The British Wind Energy Association
 Tourism South East
 The Crown Estate
 the Environment Centre (tEC)
 The Lawn Tennis Association
 The National Federation of Gypsy Liaison
 Groups (NFGLG)
 The Royal Yachting Association
 The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain
 The Theatres Trust
 Vector Aerospace Helicopter Services –
 UK
 Woodland Trust

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Affinity Sutton Housing
 Age UK
 Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (UK)
 AOPA
 Association of British Insurers
 British Marine Federation

British Telecom Plc
 Business Link Wessex
 CDC2020 Plc
 Civil Aviation Authority
 Country Land & Business Association
 CPRE Hampshire
 Defence Estates
 Defence Heritage Support Group
 Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)
 Diocesan Headquarters
 Downland Housing Association
 Driving Standards Agency
 Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership
 First Hampshire and Dorset
 Fusion On Line Ltd
 Green Issues Communications
 Guinness Hermitage Housing Association
 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Strategic Health
 Authority
 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
 Hampshire Community Healthcare
 Hampshire Constabulary
 Hampshire Economic Partnership –
 Marine Policy Group
 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service #
 Hampshire No.1 Circuit of Jehovah's
 Witnesses
 Hampshire No.2 Circuit of Jehovah's
 Witnesses
 Hampshire Police Air Support Unit
 Hanover Housing Association
 HM Maritime and Coastguard Agency

HM Naval Base
 HMS Sultan
 Home Builders Federation
 Home Group
 Hyde Housing Association
 HydeMartlet Housing Association
 Marine Management Organisation
 Member of Parliament
 Naval Personal & Family Service
 New Forest District Council (Coastal
 Protection)
 NHS Hampshire
 Openreach NewSites
 Partnership for Urban South Hampshire
 (PUSH)
 Peel Common Residents Association
 Planning Inspectorate
 Portsmouth and South East Hampshire
 Chamber of Commerce
 Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust
 Qinetiq Estates
 Radian Group Ltd
 Raglan Housing Association
 RSPB
 Scottish and Southern Energy
 SGN (Southern Gas Networks)
 Smart Futures
 Solent Evening Women's Institute
 Solent Forum
 Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
 Solent Protection Society
 South Central Strategic Health Authority

South East Hampshire Enterprise Agency
 South East Hants Green Party
 Southern Gas Networks
 Southern Water
 Sport England
 Sport England South East
 Thames Valley Gypsy Association
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COMMERCIAL COMPANIES

4-in-Link
 Adams Hendry Planning Ltd
 Addleshaw Goddard
 Advanced Marine Innocation Technology
 Subsea Ltd
 Alliance Planning
 Allsop LLP
 Barton Wilmore Planning Consultants
 BC Solent Ltd
 Bellway Homes (Wessex)

Berkeley Breamore (Oceana) Ltd
 BNP Paribas - Email Only
 Brimble, Lee and Partners
 Brimble,Lea & Partnersca
 Britton Norman
 Browndown
 Bryan Jezeph Consultancy
 CAMRA - Campaign for Real Ale
 Carter Jonas
 CB Richard Ellis
 Chase & Partners
 Chris Thomas Ltd
 Cluttons LLP
 Colliers CRE
 'Curves' Franchise
 Daniells Harrison Chartered Surveyors
 David Ames Associates
 David Seymour Independent Letting &
 Estate Agents
 DPDS Consultancy Group
 DPP Planning, Sustainability, Heritage and
 Design
 Drivers Jonas Deloitte
 DTZ
 Enerlux Ltd
 Entec UK Ltd
 Fareham Reach
 Fine Cars Ltd
 Fox & Sons
 Garner Wood
 Geo. Kingsbury Machine Tools Limited
 George Wimpey Southern Ltd

GL Hearn Property Consultants
 Goadsby & Harding Commercial
 Goadsby Commercial
 Goadsby Commercial
 Greystoke Investments
 GVA Grimley
 Hallam Land Management Ltd
 Haslar Marina
 Hellier Langston
 Holloway Iliffe & Mitchell
 Hood House Projects Ltd
 Hugh Mark International
 Hughes Ellard Ltd
 Huhtamaki Uk Ltd
 Jones Day
 Kings Sturge
 Kirkwells - Town Planning and Sustainable
 Development Consultants
 Lafarge Aggregates Limited
 Lambert Smith Hampton
 Lennon Planning Ltd
 Levvel Consulting Ltd
 Lucken Beck Ltd
 M J D & Co
 Marina Projects Ltd
 Marine South East Ltd
 Martin Robeson Planning Practice
 Mayfair Investments
 Mono Consultants Ltd
 Montpelier Estates Limited
 Nicholas John Architects
 Orchard Homes

Peacock & Smith
Persimmon Homes South East
Premier Marinas Limited
PRP Architects
Rapleys LLP
RPS Group
Sanderson Business Centre
Savills Planning & Regeneration
Scott Wilson
SGH Martineau
SKM Colin Buchanan
Smith Stuart Reynolds
Southern Planning Practice
Southern Planning Practice
SSR Planning
Stewart Ross Associates
Stewart Ross Associates
Stoke Road Baptist Church
Stoke Road Traders Association
Strutt and Parker
STS Defence
Terence O'Rourke
Tetlow King Planning
The Anglesey Hotel
The Bampton Property Group Ltd
The Planning Bureau Ltd
The Solent Electronic Home
Tibbalds Planning & Urban Design
Tribal MJP
Turley Associates
UE Associates Ltd
Vail Williams

Vector Aerospace Helicopter Services -
UK
Washbourne Greenwood Development
Planning
Wharf Land Investments
WYG Group

Note: A number of individuals who had previously requested to be kept informed were also sent consultation letters and copies of the Draft Local Plan.

APPENDIX 6

MEETINGS AND DIALOGUE HELD WITH STAKEHOLDERS IN CONSULTING ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Meetings and Dialogue Held in Consulting on the Publication of the Draft Local Plan

The Council in line with its adopted SCI kept its stakeholders informed on the progression of its Draft Local Plan. The Council also held regular meetings and dialogue with its stakeholders prior the decision being made to merge the Core Strategy and site allocations into a Draft Local Plan. It is important to note that meetings and dialogue which took place prior to work being undertaken on the Draft Local Plan have been very important in helping to shape its overall content.

The following statutory and key stakeholders, local business groups and organisations were involved in face to face meetings or dialogue with officers during the plan preparation stage.

- Agents Liaison Group
- Anglesey Conservation Group
- Barratt Homes
- Beaulieu Homes
- Defence Estates
- Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership
- English Heritage
- Environment Agency
- Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust
- Fareham Borough Council
- GOSE²
- Gosport Business Forum
- Gosport Ferry Ltd
- Gosport Partnership
- Gosport Regeneration Action Forum (GRAF)
- Gosport Society
- Hampshire County Council – including the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC), the Education, Minerals and Waste and Transport teams
- Hampshire Economic Partnership
- Hampshire Wildlife Trust
- Haslar Stakeholders Group
- HEP Investment, Land & property Task Group
- Highways Agency
- Homes and Communities Agency
- Learning and Skills Council South East
- Lee Residents Association
- Millngate Properties
- Ministry of Defence
- Natural England
- Network Rail
- Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH)
- Premier Marinas
- Portsmouth City Council
- Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Chamber of Commerce

² GOSE was abolished by the Coalition Government in June 2011.

- Portsmouth Water
- PUSH Planning Officers
- Rowner Renewal Partnership
- RSPB
- South East of England Development Agency (SEEDA)
- Southern Water
- Social Responsibility Group of the Gosport and Fareham Methodist Circuit
- Solent Business Chamber
- White Young Green

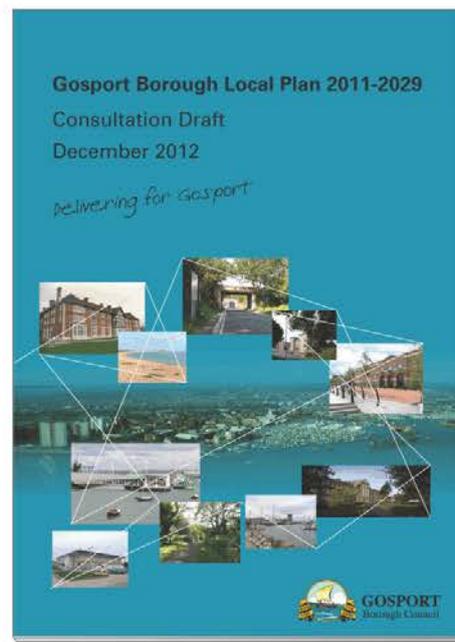
APPENDIX 7

DRAFT LOCAL PLAN POSTER

Shaping the future of Gosport....

What are your views?

Gosport Borough Council is preparing a plan for Gosport to consider how land should be used in the future.



How to find out more?

The **draft Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029** is available for comment.

It can be viewed on the Council's website www.gosport.gov.uk/localplan2029

or at the **Town Hall (3rd floor reception)**

or at the **Discovery Centre** and **local libraries**.

There will be an exhibition at the libraries until 12th February 2013.

In addition the exhibition will be staffed between 10am-1pm at the following venues.

Elson Library:	12th January 2013
Lee Library:	19th January 2013
The Discovery Centre:	26th January 2013
Bridgemary Library:	2nd February 2013

Please note the consultation closes on... Wednesday 13th February 2013.



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APPENDIX 8

**PUBLISHED ARTICLES FOR THE DRAFT
LOCAL PLAN**

Members Information Bulletin Number 17 – 18th January 2013³***Draft Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029***

Gosport Borough Council's Economic Development Board meeting held on 12 December 2012 agreed the publication of the new Draft Local Plan for consultation. This is a key document which, when finally adopted, will set out the strategic planning context for new developments occurring over the period 2011 to 2029.

A copy of the local plan has been placed in the Members Room and can also be viewed at

Copies have been placed in libraries together with an exhibition. The exhibition will be staffed by officers who be able to answer questions between 10am – 1pm on the following Saturdays

<i>Lee-on-the-Solent Library</i>	<i>19th January 2013</i>
<i>The Discovery Centre</i>	<i>26th January 2013</i>
<i>Bridgemary Library</i>	<i>2nd February 2013</i>

In addition an officer will be in attendance in the Town Hall ground floor reception on Tuesdays from 8th January to 5th February 2013.

The closing date for the return of comments is 13th February 2013.

³ It is important to note that due the time lag in the publication of the Members Information Bulletin a staffed exhibition had already taken place. This exhibition was widely advertised in advance of the publication of this article.

Gosport Coastline Newsletter Extract: December 2012***Gosport's Local Plan***

The Council is currently preparing its new Local Plan which sets out key proposals for new development over the period to 2029. This includes proposals for new homes, employment and retail floorspace as well as measures to protect open space, natural habitats and community facilities. It also includes a range of policies used to assess planning applications.

The Borough is going through a period of exciting change and the new draft Local Plan will provide guidance on the development of key regeneration sites. The first stage of consultation is envisaged to take place from mid December through to mid February. If you would like to be directly notified of the consultation, then please contact the Planning Policy Section at: planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk. Alternatively updates and details of how to comment are available at www.gosport.gov.uk/localplan2029.

Portsmouth News Article: 28th December 2012

Have your Say on a town's future

A new version of a plan that will help shape the future of Gosport has been published.

Gosport Borough Council has revealed its new draft local plan, which sets out strategy for planning in the borough from 2011 to 2029.

And the Council is asking residents of Gosport to get in touch with their views.

The plan includes guidance on developing areas, such as the waterfront and town centre, the land at Daedalus, Haslar and Rowner,

Councillors aim to balance the need for development with preserving Gosport's heritage, along with creating new jobs through allowing further development.

It will also allow for new homes to be built ensuring the protection natural areas and open spaces.

Councillor Michael Lane is chairman of the Council's economic development board, which approved the draft plan.

He said, 'I look forward to the responses received to this important consultation that will further improve the plan and thus the potential to realise development in Gosport.'

To view the plan, visit the council's website: Gosport.gov.uk/localplan2029 or visit the reception on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall in the High Street.

The consultation period will close on Wednesday, February 13.

Portsmouth News Article: 30th January 2013***New plan shows bold vision for Gosport***

Gosport is going through a major transformation.

For a long time, the town has had to battle the downfalls that come with being a town on a small peninsula, often overlooked by governments looking to dish out cash for projects.

But now, there are many new things on the horizon.

Some form of development is taking place in most corners of the town, and other projects are in the pipeline.

Against this backdrop, Gosport Borough Council has produced the Gosport Plan.

The plan is a draft document, almost 300 pages long, which sets out the council's hopes for the town from now until 2029.

There are several key pieces of the jigsaw which it is hoped will see development in the timescale of the plan.

Haslar, Rowner, the former Daedalus airfield, the town centre and the waterfront are a selection of areas which have all either seen, or will see, redevelopment.

And people are being urged to read the document, and have their say on what they think the priorities should be.

Councillor Michael Lane, the chairman of the council's economic development board, said: 'The borough is going through a period of major transformation and the new draft local plan will set a vision for Gosport's future.

'The new plan will seek to balance many needs.

'There are 50 detailed policies outlined in the document, including a need to protect and enhance the town's heritage and environment, while embracing new employment opportunities, regeneration, community growth and renewal.

'It will make provision for new homes, employment and retail space but, importantly, it will include measures to protect our open space, natural habitats and community facilities our residents enjoy.'

One of the biggest hopes for Gosport lies in the redevelopment of the former Daedalus airfield at Lee-on-the-Solent.

Campaigners worked tirelessly to lobby the government to make it an Enterprise Zone – which comes with millions of pounds of investment. And last year it was given the green light to create almost 1,200 jobs.

Work will begin soon on widening Newgate Lane, a crucial transport link to the area, and £12m has been pledged to build a training centre on the site to teach engineering skills.

Elsewhere in the town, aspirations for the future of former Royal Hospital Haslar are moving at a much slower pace.

The firm behind the plans, Our Enterprise, says the tough economic climate has hindered the progress of its hopes for the site.

Great fanfare accompanied an announcement in 2010 that the town would see its first chain hotel, to be built at the Gosport Leisure Park.

And hot on its heels now comes plans for another development, in Gosport's town centre, which would see a second hotel built.

Businesses in the area are backing the idea. Many of the areas covered by the plan have already seen development.

The Rowner Renewal Partnership, a consortium between the Homes and Communities Agency, Gosport Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, housing firm First Wessex and developer Taylor Wimpey, is soon to start work on the third phase of the regeneration of what was one of the most deprived areas of Gosport. Hundreds of homes have been built, and a new Tesco store is due to open in later this year.

Gosport's council also recently signed a contract with a water park provider to build a new splash park at Stokes Bay to replace the damaged paddling pool there.

And work on the new Gosport Leisure Park has passed its first major milestone with the opening of a new leisure centre on New Year's Eve.

The centre replaces the crumbling Holbrook Leisure Centre and brings with it outdoor football pitches and modern facilities.

Work on the site is not over, with construction on the town's first chain hotel due to begin alongside a restaurant. The nearby ice rink is also expected to have a revamp to bring it up to the standard the new leisure centre has set.

People have until February 13 to have their say in the first stage of consultation on the Gosport Plan.

Cllr Lane added: 'I look forward to the responses received to this important consultation that will further improve the plan and the potential to realise development in Gosport that future generations will recognise as appropriate for their future and sensitive to our heritage.'

Members of the public can view the document and have their say in several ways.

The document can be downloaded from the council's website at www.gosport.gov.uk/localplan2029

It can also be found in the council's town hall, in High Street, on the third floor reception.

Copies have also been distributed to libraries in the town. The consultation closes on February 13.

The key elements

Daedalus Enterprise Zone

Promises of funding followed the official announcement the former Daedalus airfield at Lee-on-the-Solent would become an enterprise zone and receive government help.

Alver Valley

The Alver Valley, a former quarry and landfill site, is the main area of separation between Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent.

The Gosport Plan will see it developed into a country park to draw in visitors.

Volunteers area already hard at work planting greenery and laying pathways.

Town centre and waterfront

Gosport's council hopes to seize upon its proximity to the waterfront to bring in developments around the town centre.

Gosport Leisure Park

This month saw the official opening of the swimming pool at the town's new leisure park, which replaces the crumbling Holbrook Leisure Centre.

A restaurant and hotel is soon to follow.

Rowner

Work is due to begin on the third phase of the Rowner renewal project, which has already seen the construction of hundreds of new homes.

A Tesco superstore will open in the area this year.

Haslar

Plans to redevelop the former hospital site have frozen after falling victim to the tough economic climate.

The development would see employment opportunities, housing and facilities for armed forces veterans.

Go Gosport website article on draft Local Plan consultation (published 21/12/12)

Gosport Borough Council Local Plan 2011-2029

Gosport Borough Council has prepared a consultation draft of the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029. This Plan will allocate land for new development for employment, housing, retail and community uses primarily in key regeneration areas. It will also guide decision making on planning applications made to the Council.

The consultation period will run from 19th December 2012 to 13th February 2013.

The draft Local Plan is supported by a range of evidence studies.

Extract of Notice relating to the Draft Local Plan Consultation on the Council website Local Plan Made Available for Consultation

At Gosport Borough Council's Economic Development Board meeting held on Wednesday 12 December, Councillors unanimously agreed the publication of the new Draft Local Plan for consultation.

This is a key document which when finally adopted, will set out the strategic planning context for new developments occurring over the period 2011 to 2029.

"The Borough is going through a period of major transformation, and the new draft Local Plan will set a vision for Gosport's future, including providing guidance on the development of key regeneration sites within the Borough such as the Gosport Waterfront & Town Centre, Daedalus, the Haslar Peninsula and Rowner," said Councillor Michael Lane, Chairman of the Economic Development Board.

"The new Plan will seek to balance many needs. There are some 50 detailed policies outlined in the document, including a need to protect and enhance the town's heritage and environment, whilst embracing new employment opportunities, regeneration, community growth and renewal. It will make provision for new homes, employment and retail floor space, but importantly it will include measures to protect our open space, natural habitats and community facilities that our residents enjoy."

The first stage of consultation begins on Wednesday 19 December and will run through to Wednesday 13 February 2013, a slightly longer period than usual due to the Christmas break.

Cllr Lane added, "I look forward to the responses received to this important consultation that will further improve the Plan and thus the potential to realise development in Gosport that future generations will recognise as appropriate for their future and sensitive to our heritage."

The public will be able to view the draft local plan at www.gosport.gov.uk/localplan2029 from 19 December. Alternatively you can view it at the Town Hall (3rd floor Reception) or at local libraries.

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