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Good afternoon, in your proposal, you are suggesting more shops to be built. What is the point when many shops in the High Street and at Stoke Road stand empty. Then of course there is the parade of shops at Clarence Yard, only two units occupied.

Traders can't afford the rates GBC charge and are throwing in the towel and calling it a day.

Wasting money on more shops is a pointless exercise. You may bring in one or two high end retailers but that will only impact on what is left in the High Street and Stoke Road.

I have serious reservations regarding your plans for the Falklands Gardens area. That is a place of remembrance, I feel it gets well used. Families may picnic there on sunny days, and others use it as a place of contemplation. To put a play area in there, when Walpole Park is only up the road is a waste of money and will destroy the purpose of the gardens, plus you will encourage yet more bad behaviour from drunken youths as that will become a meeting point for them.

I'd like to commend GBC on how well that area is kept, it is a favourite of many residents, and as the seasons change, many posts pictures of that area, with its new bedding.

Regarding housing, first you need to solve the problem of the homeless people. There are properties standing empty in and around Gosport. There are blocks of flats in Portsmouth that are empty. Why can't the council's get together and make use of these properties and give the homeless a home. Seeing the homeless on our streets makes people feel vulnerable, and will put visitors off returning to Gosport. This is impacting upon trade and is causing bad feeling toward them.

Yours sincerely

Mr Humphrey