

**Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre SPD comments form**

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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	Anything that is done to improve Gosport can only be a good thing. It could be such a wonderful area and is such an opportunity. If Portsmouth can do it, then there is no reason why Gosport can not attract more business, leisure and tourism to its water front. We have a waterfront and it is under utilised and under improved currently. No other town on the south coast would allow such an opportunity to be wasted.
2. Do you have any comments regarding the strengths of the Waterfront and Town Centre area identified in the SPD? (eg. agree, disagree, any additional ones?)	In an ideal world you would stretch it to include the area round to Workhouse lake - as this could be such a lovely space if it wasn't just used as a dumping ground for shopping trollies and old boats.
3. Do you have any comments regarding the weaknesses of the Waterfront and Town Centre area identified in the SPD? (eg. agree, disagree, any additional ones?)	Could we take the bold step of facilitating new small businesses and growing the market - buy reducing rents and business rates?
4. Do you have any comments regarding the opportunities of the Waterfront and Town Centre area identified in the SPD? (eg. agree, disagree, any additional ones?)	There is a fantastic opportunity to create something new and exciting. Build on the open spaces and seascape. But don't try to turn the town into a clone of Gunwharf.
5. Do you have any comments regarding the challenges of the Waterfront and Town Centre area identified in the SPD? (eg. agree, disagree, any additional ones?)	The challenges are money and changing the reputation of Gosport, having let it go for so long.
Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape	Could you raise the high rises to the ground and develop places that people want to live in and that don't blight the views. The town hall is also an eyesore and just serves to echo how rundown and sad the town centre is. Start again and build something to be proud of.
Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities	
Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience	Can we have a cinema please? Need to ask Mary Portas for some help - because we need to do something different than create another clone town.
Theme D: Providing New Homes	
Theme E: Improving Accessibility	The whole of the waterfront should by rights be accessible to all - and not private marinas or industrial estates.
Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision	
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	I love the fact that Gosport has so many green spaces these must be preserved and enhanced.
The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	
Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	
Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	
North of the High Street	
The High Street and associated areas	
South Street	
Trinity Green area	
Haslar Marina	
The Gosport Lines	
8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?	
9. Are there any other sites within the Waterfront and Town Centre area which have potential for development?	
10. Please can you give any suggestions of what else the Council should consider to include in the final version of the SPD?	A more proactive approach to rough sleeping? A regenerated town centre with people sleeping in doorways won't be great. Closer working relationships with the harbour authority - e.g. being told that it is there problem when I have reported trollies in the creeks. Wildlife I think we can build on being a green town - fantastic cycle routes and buses and on trying to be different - crafts and small businesses
11. Please include any comments you may have	

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