

Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre SPD comments form

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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	As a medium to long term plan it does appear to have many benefits
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?)	no comment
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?)	One aim appears to be to attract more people to Gosport. So why reduce the amount of parking spaces?
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?)	No comment
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?)	No Comment
Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape	Please do not reduce any green spaces. Gosport needs its "green Lungs".
Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities	No Comment
Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience	At present there is an increasing number of rough sleepers in the town. Attention to this problem should be given a priority if only to reduce the prejudice against this group. Although some have alcohol and substance abuse issues not all do. However they do not present a very positive image in the town centre.
Theme D: Providing New Homes	No comment
Theme E: Improving Accessibility	Vital. If there is the hoped for increase in the number of both residents and visitors, they have to get in and out of the area with reasonable ease. People remember bad experiences much more readily than good ones.

Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision	As I commented in Theme A this must be very important
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	In twenty years or so of living in Gosport this has not appeared to be a particular problem, but being prepared is a good way of keeping it that way.
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	Nothing will work without it.
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	Hopefully if the town is healthier it will produce healthier residents. The amount of obesity in the area is a very visible indication that all is far from well.
The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	Clearly the bus station has become very care worn and will benefit from the new vision for it. The Falkland Gardens are often a peaceful spot and should remain so. They should not become a children's play area
Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	No comments
Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	No Comments
North of the High Street	Presumably this include Stoke Road which seems to be losing much of its character. It needs a lift.
The High Street and associated areas	I have covered this in reasonable detail elsewhere.
South Street	As a main route around much of Gosport, this road seems to have not suffered as much a other parts of the town.
Trinity Green area	Again as I indicated earlier, this is a beautiful and tranquil spot. I would hate to see any of it altered. I know it is not part of Trinity Church, perhaps it needs to be considered as part of it. Do not isolated the church.
Haslar Marina	No comments.
The Gosport Lines	No comments.
8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?	Gosport has come a very long way from the mid nineteenth century when there was about sixty "ale houses" in the town centre alone. Please keep Gosport moving forward but never forget that the Town is made by its people.
9. Are there any other sites within the Waterfront and Town Centre area which have potential for development?	No comments.
10. Please can you give any suggestions of what else the Council should consider to include in the final version of the SPD?	No comments.
11. Please include any comments you may have	Nothing further.

12. Please could you complete your contact details	George Hack
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