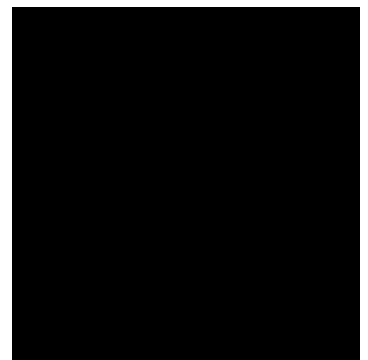

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Dear Sir,

These are my comments on the forthcoming regeneration of the Gosport area:.

(1) Vision: no matter what is taken into consideration to increase business opportunities which Gosport needs desperately. The council has got to take into account the parking situation, an increase in business, will obviously mean an increase in parking in parking facilities that will be required.

(2) Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges. The area around the ferry gardens is probably an excellent place to place a permanent memorial to everybody that has lost their lives for the Armed Forces and the country. A wall of remembrance could be erected and more seating facilities around that particular area. Coming across from Portsmouth by ferry this is the gate to the Gosport area and all the historical sites it has to offer i.e. explosions the submarine Museum etc. A restaurant/café on the piece of ground at the back of the now existing bus station is a good idea, parts of the bus station are now in disrepair and could well do with an upgrade. The bus station itself could be halved in size and the area used by the buses could be used as a drive-through rather than a stop-off point. It is imperative that a good bus service be kept in place for the access to the ferries and is Portsmouth.

(3) Weaknesses The only weakness that I can see which unfortunately is rather a big one, is being able to provide parking for increase of vehicles. As you are well aware people tend to park their car anywhere and everywhere when parking is at a premium.

(6) Theme A Creating an Attractive Townscape:

As costs and constraints have been brought into all aspects of the town Council, I believe that the amounts spent by the parks and gardens should be kept at a level where the towns flora and fauna can be kept at a standard which is exemplary to the outlook of Gosport town.

(6) Theme B Creating New Employment Opportunities: Probably one of the better ideas is to regenerate the old Has a right lar hospital area. I could be inaccurate in saying that I believe the area was bought by an Irish concern, who it would appear are under financial constraints themselves. This I believe should be brought to a conclusion as not only could it be set up for housing, and I believe there was an idea at one stage to turn it into a retirement village for ex-servicemen. This area has vast opportunities and managed correctly will not only bring housing for the area but also other facilities which could generate certain amounts of employment.

(6) Enhancing the Shopping And Leisure Experience:

I believe that more access to the marina facilities could be entered into with the marina itself. I believe that there is a proposal to try and negotiate the opening of the gate which leads down onto the pontoon that ends up at the lightship. The lightship is a restaurant and I believe this could be advantageous to their business.

(7) The Bus Station and Falklands Gardens:

Depending on who is considering investment in this area, it could well be turned into a hotel/office block facilities or even a restaurant itself. The bus station itself could be turned into a drive through bus station rather than a stop-off point for the buses. The drive-through area could be made closer to South Street along the whole

front of the existing area, which would leave sufficient space for at least three or four buses at a time. This then could leave ample areas for regeneration.

(7) Trinity Green Area:

I believe that putting any formal structure whatsoever in front of seaward towers whether it be permanent or use just when some sort of festival is on, would be detrimental to the residents of not only Seaward Towers but also to the residents of Watergate. All but one or two of the residents of Watergate are elderly and have numerous disabilities. The residents of Watergate would lose their parking facility which they all have to pay the Gosport City Council for. I believe that this would be detrimental to all the residents. In closing the area of on various occasions would also be disadvantageous to disabled users, as there are disable parking spaces as well as parking spaces for Watergate residents.

(7) The Gosport Lines:

This I believe is an excellent idea, the millennium promenade is already used extensively and I believe that the areas behind the Hardy's restaurant and the boatyard could be cleaned up and the walkway extended to join up at the cockle pond.

On closing, I agree that Gosport is looking a little tired and regeneration is long overdue. As I have commented in my synopsis we do have one major problem in Gosport having one road from the two-way system round South seat and then out towards the Cocked Hat. This at the end of the day I think is probably the major concern with any regeneration programme.

Yours Sincerely,

John P Cryan.

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