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Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation Draft

We are seeking your views on the Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre SPD which provides the planning framework for this part of the Borough.

A copy of the document is available on the Council's website:

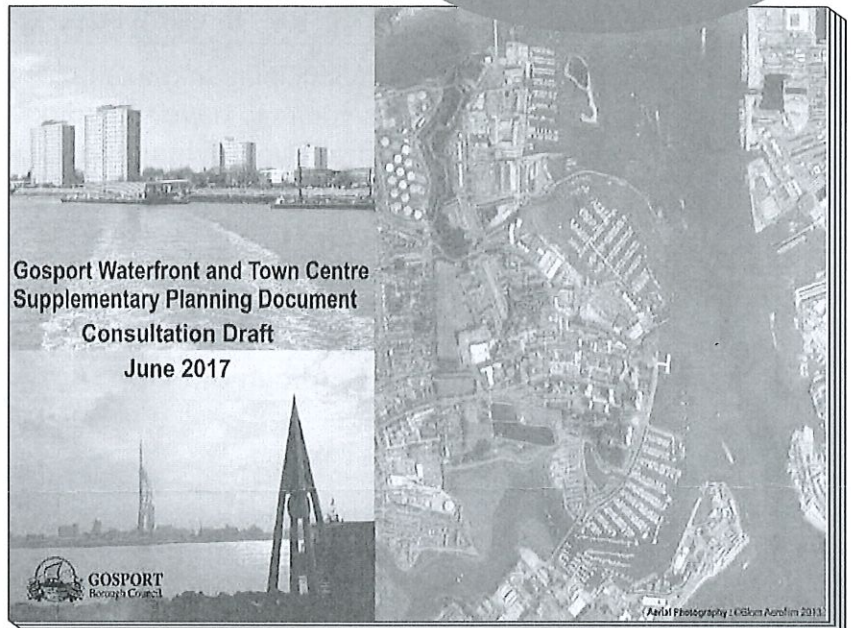
www.gosport.gov.uk/waterfrontspd

If you have any queries regarding the SPD or about making any representations please contact the Planning Policy Section at planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk or telephone **023 9254 5458**

The Comments Form is divided into sections to assist with structuring any comments you may have.

There is a section near the end of the Comments Form (Question 11) which can be used if you require additional space or make comments not covered by the questions included on the form.

Comments will need to be submitted to Gosport Borough Council by **19th September 2017**



Vision (page 5 of the SPD)

1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?

Comprehensive, Optimistic, very long term.

Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Challenges (page 10 of the SPD)

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?)

• We have good car parking in the town centre - don't build over it
• Transport Interchange - essential that connecting buses to Gosport + beyond are near to ferry passengers disembarkation point.
• Easiest + cheapest way to access hospitals is a ferry to Portsmouth
• Hard and a bus to the hospitals

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?)

• Gosport residents should not be expected + forced to always go out of town for shopping, leisure opportunities + jobs.
• Do not over build + over crowd in the limited area of the Town Centre.

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Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Challenges (page in SPD)

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?)

- Road provision cannot support additional activity at Fort Blockhouse
- Parking in town centre will be essential for all proposed new activities.
- Street trees + landscaping require ongoing watering + care in order for them to flourish - but trees etc. most essential.

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?)

- A proper road bridge between Priddys Hard + Wee villaane would bring more people into the High Street to spend money, rather than going straight from Priddys Hard Residential area to spend their money in Fakenham via the A32.

Themes (including the objectives, principles and examples given)

6. Please include any comments you may have regarding:

Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape (page 19 of the SPD)

- Views over the harbour must be preserved.
- The bus station must be near the ferry disembarkation point.
- Trinity Green must not be built on in any way. The suggestions for the other green spaces are good.

Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities (page 26 of the SPD)**Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience** (page 29 of the SPD)

- Possible reduced Business Rate for new shops + businesses for a set number of years to encourage start-ups.

Theme D: Providing New Homes (page 32 of the SPD)

- Residential development at Bus Station site would obstruct views across the harbour - so much is planned for this site - Remember it is essential to have the bus station by the ferry.
- Can sewage disposal from this extra housing be dealt with? Car parking provision? Water supply? Dr's surgery? Schools?

Theme E: Improving Accessibility (page 34 of the SPD)

- foot-paths, cycle routes, millennium way extensions very good
- Also, opening up of ramparts.

Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision (page 40 of the SPD)

- Good suggestions.
- However Trinity Green itself should not be built on or reduced in any way.

Themes (including the objectives, principles and examples given)

Please include any comments you may have regarding:

Theme G: Managing Flood Risk (page 44 of the SPD)**Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure** (page 49 of the SPD)

- If it is stated by the authorities that the sewage system and water supply cannot cope with new housing, can it not be said that Gosport can not accommodate any more development?
- the quality of life of those already here should be considered.

Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town (page 50 of the SPD)

- This objective will not be achieved by creating overcrowding by building too densely. Old Gosport suffered in this way in (8) + (9) until bombing demolished a lot of shum housing. Sadly a lot of good housing was also demolished then + after the war

Character Areas

7. Please include any comments you may have regarding the proposals for the Character areas (including: What else would you like to see? Additional opportunities? Issues not covered? Concerns or queries?)

The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens (page 55 of the SPD)

- Good suggestions, bearing in mind the need to conserve view + that buses must be near the ferry.
- Site 4-2 - old Magistrates' Court + Police Station should be retained + turned into residential units.

Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road (page 60 of the SPD)

Good.

Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area (page 61 of the SPD)

- Parking for the public is desperately needed if foot fall is to be increased.

North of the High Street (page 64 of the SPD)

- There will be a loss of parking for waterside Medical Centre if the car park at the side of the Masonic Hall is built on - there is no where else for patients to park within walking distance.

The High Street and associated areas (page 67 of the SPD)

Good.

Character Areas

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South Street (page 70 of the SPD)

- undercroft car parking essential for new builds
- new trees must be watered for 4 years.
- The old Magistrates' Court + Police Station should not be demolished - it is part of Gosport's heritage - see back page.

Trinity Green area (page 73 of the SPD)

- Main concern - loss of open space (former Stanley House site) + around Trinity Church, which was hard fought for in the 1960s.

This proposal should be abandoned.

Haslar Marina (page 77 of the SPD)

- Be careful before you build on too many car parks - you won't get them back. Many houses in the Town Centre have no parking nearby, + shoppers need to park near High Street.

The Gosport Lines (page 79 of the SPD)

- All good
- Walpole Park North - all trees must be preserved when the hedge is modified.

Overall comments

8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?

- Loss of parking spaces - there is a heavy reliance on Walpole Park car park to accommodate displaced vehicles.
- Loss of green space around Trinity Church, + from Trinity Green - this open area should be sacrosanct - as should all other open spaces.

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?

- Provide a vehicular road bridge across Forton Lake so the residents of Peiddy's Hard can get to the High Street by car or bus instead of driving to the A32 + straight to Fareham to spend their money.

Any further comments?

11. Please include any comments you may have

- Most of the suggestions are good - 80% - but we MUST avoid overcrowding in the town + the consequential overburdening of the facilities + utilities - i.e. sewerage, water supply, medical provision, schools, etc - all of which + more are struggling now.
- What about policing in the town centre - it's amazing that there is no police presence, especially at night.
- The waterside medical practice is too small now, and if it loses parking by the Masonic Hall there is nowhere else within walking distance.

*More space available on the back page.

Contact details

12. Please could you complete your contact details.

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Organisation (if applicable):

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Data protection: Gosport Borough Council is registered under the Data Protection Act 1998. The information that you provide in completing this form will only be used by the Council in the development of Planning documents. Please note that private individuals will not be named when we report comments to the Council's Board. However hard copies of each comments form will be available for inspection at the Town Hall once the consultation period is completed (address, and e-mail details will be redacted).

Returning responses

Comments can either be sent to Deputy Head of Planning Services (Policy)
Gosport Borough Council
Town Hall
High Street
Gosport
PO12 1EB

or emailed to planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk**What happens next?**

All comments received will be reported to the relevant Council Board together with any proposed actions and/or amendments to the SPD as a result of the consultation process. The SPD will then be recommended for adoption and will become a key consideration when determining future planning applications. Future planning applications will also be subject to public consultation.

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Thank you for your comments.

P.P.O.

Additional space for comments.

The old Magistrates' Court + Police Station should be retained + converted to residential use.

It was designed by the architect father of Barbara Field after World War II.

She was a long serving Head teacher of Alverstoke Junior School, and a magistrate and Chairwoman of the Bench.

Her family has a long association with Gosport.

This building is part of Gosport's heritage and is attractive and in scale with the rest of the surrounding buildings and High Street.

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