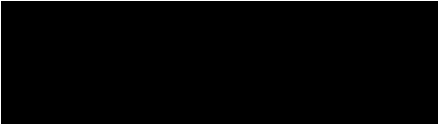


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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	There are many very positive ideas in here, opening up increased public access to the waterfront for example. However there are other plans which can only increase the density of population in the town which is already very stretched with regard to parking and ease of leaving the Town at rush hour in particular- a journey to the Alexandra for an early appointment for example is very difficult if you cannot use the ferry and bus. Developing the bus station is long overdue but this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to provide something great in a stunning location and this should be done without regard to profit.
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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?)	The waterfront is already the jewel in Gosport's crown. Along its whole length people walk, meet, chat, sit and look at the view, celebrate New Year. This is a huge opportunity to enhance what is already here and very much loved. Its greenness and lovely trees and gardens is something Gunwharf simply does not have and this should be seen as a central part of the plan from end to end. it is good to see that the trees in front of the bus station are included
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?)	This is already a very densely populated town centre if you consider the number of flats already here. Much consideration needs to be given to those of us who live right in the centre, coping with the difficulties of parking and access as outlined above, as well as a lot of the other issues related to Town Centre life including quite a lot of antisocial behaviour at night. The scale of the development indicates we going to have a hard time while much of this is in progress but nonetheless there is great scope for change.

Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape	it is impossible to comment on this without a clear idea of what is planned for the bus station. I live adjacent to it but I have no idea what you are planning in any detail, the number of residential units for example, or the height of the building. I repeat that I am in favour of its development but it needs to be a development the residents already here can live alongside without significant damage to their amenities.
Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities	
Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience	I think it is a mistake to think Gosport can ever be a rival to Portsmouth. It is a shopping destination for very few of us as the trip across the water is easy and the shopping experience is one people travel miles for. This is not going to happen here. There needs to be a more imaginative approach, such as enhancing the market and perhaps enabling that to move to the seafront on occasion; I am encouraged that you say you want to bring the High Street and the Waterfront nearer together but I am not sure how this will be achieved by putting too much on the site, ie 95 dwellings and office space.
Theme D: Providing New Homes	How many new homes does central Gosport actually need? Is it somewhere people with small children would want to live? I assume you have fully assessed this but at the moment it looks as if the developments will be small and high density which sounds as though it will be more attractive to short term rented flats and small units rather than family homes.
Theme E: Improving Accessibility	
Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision	Lots of good ideas especially opening up the waterfront and the new bridge and entrance to the Gosport Lines.
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	It will certainly be needed if all these different housing developments happen. As a resident I would say there is not enough now.
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	Not sure creating a healthier town fits with the number of new cafes. Gosport seems to have an awful lot of Cafes already.
The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	You have given us no detail so it is not easy to comment. However I would say as a resident of Harbour Tower that if you are considering another high rise the issue of sun shadow and wind needs to be seriously considered. In high winds it is really quite difficult for some to cross the Esplanade to the bus station because of the way the prevailing wind is channelled between the flats and the bus station, how would this affect Falklands Gardens which face to the East? a block directly to the South would surely have an impact?
Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	

Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	A walk connected the Waterfront with Royal Clarence Yard would be a tremendous opportunity for Gosport and perhaps for further development of the Yard itself which is a wonderful amenity hardly used by the public.
North of the High Street	
The High Street and associated areas	I would love to see the high street with a greater variety of shops . Sad to see a new shop opening in the High Street is another pound shop. People clearly like to come here especially on Saturday but it is hard to see much changing quickly given the Gosport demographic.
South Street	I am uncomfortable with the density of proposed housing and revising of the parking, though the idea of a wider tree-lined avenue style sounds very attractive.
Trinity Green area	I have stated I am a resident here and am aware of the impact much of these plans will have on us here. In an attempt to be objective and balanced I would like to point out that this is already a highly developed and densely populated area as it contains 4 large Tower Blocks, terraced housing and Barclay House, recently refurbished. Your diagram does not make this clear as the flats are greyed out and virtually disappear visually. It also constitutes another very pleasant green space right in the centre of town which is much used. I feel that taking away open access areas and building private homes is a mistake in this particular location. I am particularly troubled by potential development area 39. Not only would it detrimentally affect the amenity currently enjoyed by the residents of the blocks as well as those who like to sit there in peace, it would risk damaging what is essentially one of the iconic views of Gosport within the Harbour- whatever one thinks of the flats they dominate the waterfront and this view should be protected from any development to the front of it. Please protect this precious amenity which is in constant public use. Gosport has many cafes and many other places to put them including in the new bus station development directly alongside.
Haslar Marina	
The Gosport Lines	I fully support these imaginative plans.
8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?	It will be clear that I have two major concerns along with a lot of positive views. While I would support demolishing the bus station and improving the High Street and developing the Waterfront as well as many of the ideas about public access and amenity, I would like to see Trinity Green protected and the building on the bus station to be of a size that is in scale with the rest of the Town and which does not form a visual and physical barrier with the High Street . I am not sure that the impact on those of us who already live here and are most affected have been fully considered particularly with regard to parking and more density of development.

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?	Rather than residential units why are you not considering a Hotel on the bus station site? It seems to me to be the most ideal location for a hotel which could become a summer and weekend destination with such easy access to all the tourist destinations in Portsmouth as well as Gosport. The water Taxi service could be developed. Hotel visitors would bring far more business to the town than wealthy residential owners with waterfront views but little interest in the town as we have seen in many other waterfront locations.
11. Please include any comments you may have	I think trying to be Gunwharf mark 2 is unhelpful. Gosport is a fascinating and historic town with many attractions but it does not have a great reputation outside. An overall development plan is a great idea with many positive plans, visions and ideas but you need to bring the local people with you as their lives will be made more difficult while the plans are being implemented and in some cases forever.
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