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0) General comments

Errors on online submission.

That form doesn't outline general Gosport policy current or future, how front links to rest of Gosport or Fareham or Portsmouth in policy. There's no lessons learned from past section or info on current policy outcomes or if you've had any successes in past.

1) comments on vision

See above as in how does vision fit in with rest of Gosport or other areas.

Vision isn't very futuristic - self-drive buses and cars are due next 10 years, housing no idea on new building techniques. The vision is seasonal - marine and tourism are seasonal.

2 strengths & weaknesses

A) it's seasonal what happens in winter or for 6 months a year?

B) sea front Gosport is 16 miles - how are visitors going to get about? Bicycle hire? And then not be able to cycle along seafront! Yet where combined path and bike are in place - those are much narrower than sea front path!!

C) high street shops - Amazon and eBay have much wider range, cheaper and deliver to door. Even Fareham precinct is struggling. If tea shops and pubs - they do much better along seafront - again why are tourists going to walk miles? Precinct is no cycle zone yet about 10 times wider than most combined path / cycle ways - crazy

D) Improving water links to Portsmouth.

Err Gunwharf Quay and more attractive tourist destination.

If I were a tourist or shopper or evening out - I'd choose Portsmouth. If you make it easier (and cheaper!!) to get to Portsmouth I'm 2 times more likely to go. Bigger shops, better night life, a cinema, more tourist attractions ... All within a short walking distance of each other.

On housing - why not consider or be a subsidised trial of Zed housing? Housing built over existing car parks? If car park is in flood zone (likely winter so less tourists) homes built 3m above car park solves 3 problems - flood risk, parking and housing.

On transport - you have bus only road way - if extended - isn't that an almost ideal test track for self-drive buses?? Again possibility of a subsidised pilot study.

If not how about opening up bus only to some traffic (taxis etc) in rush hours - part of Gosport in general issues is traffic congestion.

If you are after tourists why not give a draw? How about a cableway link Gosport to ports? Gives aerial views of harbour, an experience and possibly if light and wartime target - would just sink into harbour - not impeding

Navy traffic (or use winch system to retrieve cable if collapsed). The cableway then offers gos residents additional transport options over ferry.

Buses - isnt there a better option than current route ? If you extend bus only route - have smaller feeder buses deliver people to E bus stops which run regularly and high speed to Fareham ? At moment to get from rowner (let alone gos front) to QA is hour plus. Southampton takes 2 hrs !!

High street 'attractions' - how about open gosport library up sunday ? Since library is now multi purpose - there is space for small cinema (post 7pm use) drama and all the rest. Why arent public school facilities used more in eves and school hols ?

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