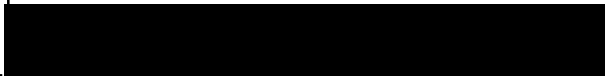
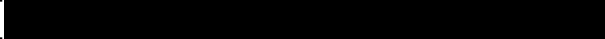
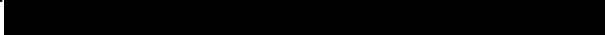


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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	A rather anodyne statement with little to propose Gosport as a better place to live in. There is an emphasis on retail and development without mention of the much needed council contribution to maintaining and enhancing the existing public realm so that it attracts new (and old) residents and visitors.
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?)	Add "and public slipways to access the water"
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?)	Public slipways into the harbour are not signed or publicised but provide a useful and attractive resource if people know they are there.
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?)	Improve the maintenance and order of the public realm in keeping with existing best practice and continue investment in this essential part of the overall visitor/resident experience and overall civic pride.
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?)	The recent planning approval for a retail park at Brockhurst seems to run counter to aspirations to increase retail in the town area and suggests that managing change from excess retail properties in the town area to residential use should be considered.
Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape	North Cross Street, as currently configured, with a well-used attractive car park provides an accessible open route between the High Street and the waterfront and would not benefit from development. There is no perceived need for extra retail development here. The parking provides easy access to the High Street and the high parking occupancy gives proof of the increased footfall it ensures.
Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities	
Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience	Existing retail provision is threatened by out of town development and the recent Brockhurst proposals. Consideration should be given to changing planning usage from retail to residential and leisure in certain cases off the High Street and enhance the overall look and vitality of the streets.

Theme D: Providing New Homes	There is little mention of the provision of social housing in the mix or the council's role in building new stock of replacing old stock. Affordable and social housing seems to be underplayed in the STP. Experience shows that Developers may produce the high quality mixed use housing but the proportion that is affordable and social rarely matches their initial promises. There needs to be express commitment of the council's role and its investment plans.
Theme E: Improving Accessibility	The car parking study seems to come to a perverse conclusion by proposing to release for development the most used car parks (most convenient to the town centre) while retaining the least used car parks further away from the shops. In any event it is not clear that any further retail development is required in future and making people park further away is scarcely likely to increase footfall. Ease of access to retail and leisure facilities is vital for residents and visitors alike if they are to be used. Reduced parking spaces further away will inevitably drive people to other centres.
Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure Provision	Great aspirations but it is equally important to maintain the existing provision to a high standard and this requires continued commitment and funding.
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	There is a particular need to address airborne particulate contamination from ships using the harbour, particularly MV Cumbrian Fisher continuously moored on the Oil Fuel Jetty (and predicted to do so for another 4 years. It has boilers and generators running all the time as there is no provision for it to use an electricity supply from the shore. There is a possible conflict of responsibilities here as the end of the Oil Fuel Jetty is outside the Gosport civic boundary. Thus responsibility lies with Portsmouth but the contamination affects Gosport.
The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	
Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	
Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	
North of the High Street	
The High Street and associated areas	
South Street	
Trinity Green area	
Haslar Marina	

The Gosport Lines	
8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?	The parking analysis does not lead to any reasonable justification for developing the much used car parks serving the town centre. Rather the proposed residential increases and the thrust to get more visitors and shoppers into Gosport surely argues for more convenient parking not less. The SPD conclusions seem flawed and should be revisited.
9. Are there any other sites within the Waterfront and Town Centre area which have potential for development?	Public Slipway at Harbour Road is an underused resource with ill-defined boundaries. This could be developed at minimal cost - signage/instructions/canoe rack/landscaping into a most useful and appreciated civic asset with clear pedestrian linkage to the town centre.
10. Please can you give any suggestions of what else the Council should consider to include in the final version of the SPD?	Boundary issue between Gosport and Portsmouth for the areas contiguous to the north eastern Waterfront boundary. These include parts of the Endeavour Quay Jetty, parts of the Gosport Marina pontoons, the outermost part of the Oil Fuel Jetty and Burrow Island. Clearly, activities/pollution/contamination in these areas may fall under Portsmouth's purview but their impact can also fall into Gosport's.
11. Please include any comments you may have	I found the SPD documents to be comprehensive and well presented and I valued the opportunity to talk to Planning Officers at the Library on points of detail and clarification. It is always good to have a strategy document like this to inform the way ahead and there is no doubt that Gosport has made major advances over recent years and it is a pleasure to live here. I have worked and recreated in and around Gosport since the late sixties and lived here for the last 10 years. The only downside I find is the difficulty in driving on and off the peninsula! Retirement allows me to choose off peak times but it is still not that easy.
12. Please could you complete your contact details	Richard Jenkins
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FW: Slipway- 134/2 Mr Jenkins

Additional comment made by Mr Jenkins as part of an e-mail regarding non-SPD matters (sent16/9/17)

'Hopefully the slipway can be signed and publicised as a result of the SPD exercise. It is certainly a valuable waterfront asset.'

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