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1. Do you have any comments regarding the Vision?	Having been a resident of Gosport for 16yrs, why is it only now Gosport are bothering to spend any time or effort bringing this sad, dilapidated town up to a reasonable standard; having wasted funds on white elephant projects such as skate parks in Bridgemary
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?)	Disagree - Town Market - Once a bustling twice weekly market, you can go on a Saturday and half of the usual stalls are not there due to the high rents/ charges for pitching a stall. This leaves unsightly gaps and creates a ghost town, dowdy market with no variety. Fareham Saturday market is bustling and thriving and a pleasure to visit. Agree - Transport - The bus station needs to be massively redeveloped as it is the MAIN link for passengers needing to access the ferry and brings money to the east end of the High Street. People will pop into the shops/ cafes whilst waiting for less frequent buses. Remove the bus station and it will mean additional journey time for people trying to catch onwards transport on the other side of the Harbour. It will kill the east end of the High Street
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?)	Agree - Town Centre - Floor space offered in current units it too small to entice National Chain Presence (e.g. M&S). Lack of variety and independent retailers (Bookshop/ Butcher/ Buzzy Bees) can be linked to the extortionate rates/rents coupled with lack of footfall meaning there is nothing to be gained by investing in Gosport. If the Ritz Cinema hadn't been demolished for Iceland, we would have a town venue for shows/ gigs, instead of having to traipse to a dreary Thorngate Hall or go to Cinema No. 4 for independent film choice. Agree - Tourism - Instead of building OAP homes at Aldi, why wasn't the space developed into a hotel instead of now having to scabble for space/ land on top of existing buildings? Agree ? Townscape ? The current design of the Bus Station has too many crevices and opportunities for people to sleep or hide in, making it feel unsafe for visitors having to pass through to get to Trinity Green or the Towers. Agree ? Transport ? Bringing in more people will only further overload an already overburdened network and infrastructure (very evident when Gunwharf Quays has its annual fire work display and traffic coming in/ going out of the town centre is gridlocked with a lack of parking). Reducing the amount of parking in the proposal will only create further frustration already experienced by home owners living in the streets outside of the town boundary. Visitors park in these streets (e.g. Queens Rd, St. Andrews Rd, St Edwards Rd) and then bus or walk into the town leaving homeowners with no option to park further away from their own homes.
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?)	Disagree ? Release & Redevelopment?- Haslar Hospital site should never have been sold. Instead Gosport residents are left with an outdated/ dowdy cottage hospital and walk in centre and QA Hospital which is too far and overstretched to cope with further influxes of residents. Current residential usage of the site offers little or no additional custom for retailers as many of the residences are unsold (overpriced) or only used for holiday lets. Disagree ? Increase retail investment ? There are too many bars/ restaurants/cafes with outside seating areas. Go to the High Street on Saturday and you can't walk up there for Subway, Gregg's, Pippins, Costa, Emma's The Vanilla Bean all further encroaching onto the pathway making increasingly difficult to fight with the ever increasing number of baby and invalid buggies going up and down. Agree ? Tourism & Events ? Allow hotels, but no explicit publicity/ hoarding/ lurid colours (e.g. Holiday Inn Express Gunwharf, you don't know it's there apart for small signs directing the intended customer). Agree ? Transport ? Have to keep the bus station (model it on the one like Portsmouth - no opportunity for rough sleepers or shops as it is all enclosed). Comment ? Energy Use ? How are charging points for electric cars and mobility scooters to be paid for by users and why should the public non users have to fund it?
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?)	Health ? Cut the number of mobility scooters being handed out. Give out Fitbit type step monitors and get people walking instead of reliance on cars/ buggies and overpriced buses.
Theme A: Creating an Attractive Townscape	Nothing to add
Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities	Nothing to add
Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience	Nothing to add (although there are pages missing which could include relevant points)

Theme D: Providing New Homes	The development of 700-900 dwellings within the Waterfront & Town Centre area.?There isn't the space to accommodate the additional parking required to go with these dwellings. On street parking in/around Trinity Green is already at a premium with residents from Blake & Hammond Courts having to park there or in the communal carpark due to 2-3 car families.?Reduction in the current levels of car parking in this area will negate the Council's attempts to bring in visitor / new business as people want to park near to or next to the High Street.
Theme E: Improving Accessibility	Car Park Provision?A reduction in car parking would reduce the number of visitors, who knowing they can't park close to amenities within the town centre would prefer to go elsewhere with more opportunities.?The current costs of car parking (both GBC & Other) do nothing to help bring in visitors with people preferring to spend two hours in a Supermarket car park, do what is required and then go home without spending time or opportunity to see things in and around the town centre.?Loss of any car parking at the bus station will put added pressure on the side road beside Harbour Tower as a pick up / put down point especially as it is regularly used by disabled drivers for long term parking!!
Theme F: Improving Public Realm and Green Infrastructure	Nothing to add
Theme G: Managing Flood Risk	Nothing to add
Theme H: Providing Appropriate Infrastructure	Where are the doctors, schools and emergency services needs to look after this influx of people? Nothing really to add apart from 4G and Broadband in this part of town are PANTS (confirmed by Virgin as being over-scribed in a small built up area!!!)
Theme J: Creating a Healthier Town	?Cut the number of mobility scooters being handed out. Give out Fitbit type step monitors and get people walking instead of reliance on cars/ buggies and overpriced buses.?Make cycling proficiency a mandatory requirement, stop the silly girls on their bikes riding in pairs, then pedestrians might not have to walk in the road to avoid them!!
The Bus Station and Falkland Gardens	Bus Station?Mirror it along the same lines as Portsmouth Interchange with office space for Gosport Ferry and decent facilities for bus staff to use. Also have seating and toilet facilities for waiting passengers. Make it open glass with no corners for people to lurk.?install a Trimast type structure on top of the newly developed station, with the Gosport Logo, English Heritage and AN Other significant logo to promote Gosport.?Commercial businesses do not prosper in this area as proved by the Newsagents, First Travel Shop and Shop Mobility. It is purely a place to get off and go onwards to the ferry (you don't wine & dine at the departures of London's Victoria Coach Station!!)?Installing more food outlets will only bring competition to those outlets already struggling in the High Street and there shouldn't be "pop-up" food outlets included around the bus stations development (who will monitor the food and rubbish generated as this area gets very messy very quickly with lack of sufficient bins) .?Keep the open views to the Harbour? Construction of a high storey building atop of the Bus Station would block the view from the water to the High Street, all people would see is a concrete/granite monolithic monstrosity.?Keep Falkland Gardens as it is or expand it up to Mumby Road and move the taxi rank and pick up/drop off site to the bus station redevelopment (again in the style of Portsmouth layout).
Gosport Waterfront North of Mumby Road	The whole right hand side of Mumby Road from the Castle Tavern to the doctor's surgery at Rope Quay needs to be pulled down and redeveloped. Walking past the Castle Tavern to Aldi, the section where the boats are currently stacked is a dirty, shabby, litter strewn mess. Then there is the section from the new expensive OAP flats to the doctor's surgery. That area would benefit having the businesses moved and that land redeveloped into housing or if not feasible, at least be covered in frontages that disguise the fact it's an industrial estate. Having to walk that stretch of road every week to get to St. Vincent's College, it is depressing to have to trudge past with nothing of interest to look at.
Royal Clarence Yard and the Retained Area	At the meeting held in the library on 14/09/2017, it was suggested giving the old Rum Store located in this area to Pusser's Rum or Navy Rum who would install a museum/ distillery and shop in this space. A fantastic opportunity for an independent company to link our heritage to that of the Dockyard and as there are deep water berths in this area, the local tourist ferry could make stops allowing visitors quick and easy access to the Rum store area without the need for getting the Gosport Ferry and then walking through.
North of the High Street	Nothing to add
The High Street and associated areas	Nothing to add.

South Street	<p>?Turn the police station into a hotel with the space at the back for guest parking/ service entrance. However, don't make it so high that it blocks any available light to the smaller blocks of flats opposite who seem to have been missed off this consultation in terms of parking and redevelopment opportunities?Demolish the Precinct and rebuild it with all commercial opportunities underneath and residential dwellings.?Coates Road Car Park ? LEAVE AS A CAR PARK ? this is used by delivery lorries as a turning point early in the morning. At capacity on a Saturday. Any dwellings of height built in this area would block the sunlight received by the newish houses as the sun moved round leaving them in shadow.?84-86 High Street ? This is a dangerous corner even for the Poundland lorries to access/ egress, added traffic in this area can only lead to congestion or an accident trying to get in out.</p>
Trinity Green area	<p>?The development of Barclay House East &amp; West was brought up in 2007 during the major works of the Five Towers Estate. It was mooted that GBC wanted to build 4 storey blocks of sheltered housing which would block both the sun and views from living rooms of those residents living on Grd - 4th Flrs in Blake &amp; Hammond Courts. These buildings would be even higher if undercroft parking is factored in. The existing noise from Barclay House (shouting and screaming during the silent hours) would be exacerbated with additional dwellings built there.?The shared gardens and carparks facing South Street are already under strain trying to accommodate vehicles for the 130 flats in Blake &amp; Hammond (assuming that every flat has a vehicle and there are less than 25 spaces). Development of this area will not create significant spaces needed.?Have been informed by the local historian that the grass in front of Blake Court has tanks under it from the days of the brewery that have been soft filled and there are also artesian wells in this area that fed the laundry.?Church Path Car Park ? The proposed block of terraced housing would remove 10x parking spaces designated for the nearby blocks of council flats. They would also block the view of the residents already living in the semi detached houses and prevent them from getting the early morning sun (I've observed this, living on the 4th floor of Blake Court). The car park is also used as an overflow by Blake &amp; Hammond Court residents AND the smaller blocks of flats nearby who are not able to park in their own carparks due to the extreme lack of residential parking.?The suggested terraced housing placed on the land between Harbour Tower and Hammond Court would reduce the number of parking spaces that belong to Harbour Tower which residents pay for. Access to Blake/ Hammond and Harbour is by a single entry road with parking on one side. It is not possible to have two vehicles pass due to the narrowness of the road. An increase in dwellings would only add to the access problems already faced by residents in this area.?Remove the supposed covenant from the land to the east of Hammond Court and make this into more car parking for Blake &amp; Hammond Court. According to Land Registry, this land falls within the footprint of Hammond and Blake Court and being able to have more parking would reduce the green area that residents of Blake &amp; Hammond Court have to pay to maintain and get no use from.?Terraced housing proposed in front of Seaward Tower, where would the cars attached to the houses park (undercroft parking)? Seaward Tower has a limited amount of parking for its residents and increase in traffic would cause congestion in this narrow street.?There is no need for "pop-up" food outlets to be installed along Millennium promenade in front of Harbour and Seaward Towers - residents have enough cooking smells to deal with from the Chinese restaurants in the Precinct and on the front.?however, we should allow future visitor moorings between the wave screen and ferry pontoon as it will fill what is sometimes and empty looking space.</p>
Haslar Marina	<p>There should be no housing or future development built at the North End of Haslar Marina simply because there is only a single lane bridge and Haslar Road as access points and this area gets congested with vehicles when they are trying to cross the bridge from the ferry side to Haslar. Unless boat owners are residing full time in the accommodation (defeats the purpose of being a boat owner), who will maintain the frontages and keep them refurbished?</p>
The Gosport Lines	<p>Nothing to add</p>
8. Is there anything in the SPD that particularly concerns you and why?	<p>See comments above, also why has no mention been made about the road and support infrastructure needed to accommodate all these proposed dwellings. There are insufficient doctor's surgeries, schools and emergency services to cope with the demand. The extra traffic these dwellings will create, will already add to the overloaded A32 Fareham Road. There are only three ways in/out of Gosport and at every morning and evening rush hour, the peninsula cannot cope with the traffic. People are therefore opting to come into Gosport, park in residential streets (taking up resident parking spaces, especially bad in St. Andrews and Queen's Road and more towards the ferry) and getting the ferry across. If the long term stay carparks were cheaper, perhaps incoming residents would be tempted to park there, this giving the street residents their parking spaces back.</p>

9. Are there any other sites within the Waterfront and Town Centre area which have potential for development?	The top end of Walpole Park (on the left hand side of South St) is massively underused and could easily house the two proposed dwellings earmarked for Trinity Green (in front of Harbour and Seward Towers).Outside of the lines - Develop the Adenbrooke old people's day centre next to Asda into residential dwellings
10. Please can you give any suggestions of what else the Council should consider to include in the final version of the SPD?	Nothing to add
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