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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.

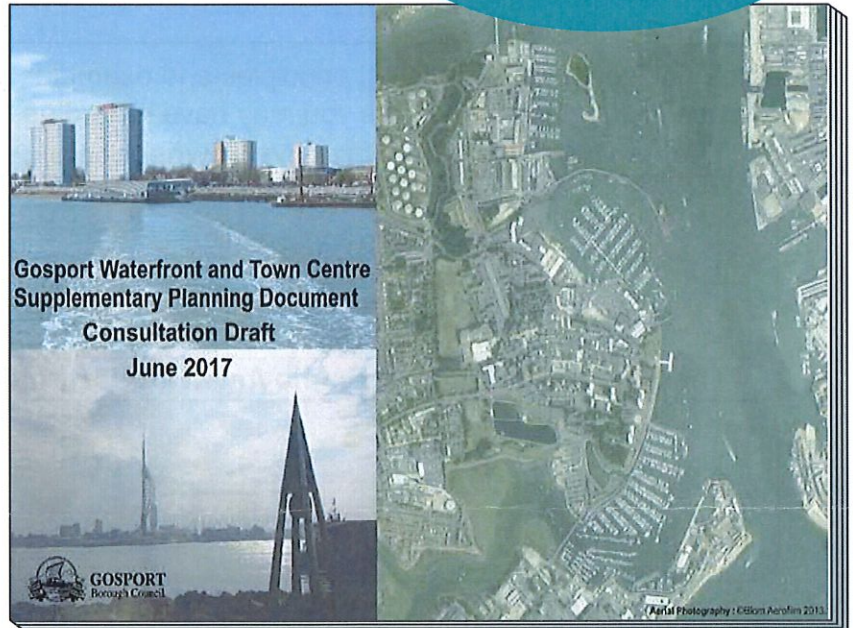
A copy of the document is available on the Council's website:
www.gosport.gov.uk/waterfrontspd

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?

See back in comments section. This form is poorly designed and will deter many from responding.

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?)

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?)

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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?)

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?)

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)*

Theme B: Creating New Employment Opportunities *(page 26 of the SPD)*

Theme C: Enhancing the Shopping and Leisure Experience *(page 29 of the SPD)*

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

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

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

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)

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

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)

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

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

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

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

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Character Areas

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South Street (page 70 of the SPD)

Trinity Green area (page 73 of the SPD)

Haslar Marina (page 77 of the SPD)

The Gosport Lines (page 79 of the SPD)

Overall comments

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

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?

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Any further comments?

11. Please include any comments you may have

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**More space available on the back page.*

Contact details

12. Please could you complete your contact details.

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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.

Dear Sir / Madam,

While I have many serious concerns about the proposals, or 'vision', I shall concentrate on what are, to my mind, the most serious ones.

It is, in my view, illogical and irresponsible to increase the density of population in an area largely made up of social housing that is already densely populated and has more than its share of social problems, and is at the end of a peninsula! Building more flats and houses will exacerbate social problems and traffic. This will be compounded, inevitably, by the current development at Haslar, which one imagines will lead to problems in the 1000 Centre area, especially at the junction of South Street & Haslar Road.

The flats in the Trinity Green area were built in the early 1960s as 'streets in the sky' and - importantly - the spaces in between and around the blocks were in lieu of gardens. Infilling will be detrimental in many ways - environmentally, aesthetically and socially.

Public land should not be sold off to developers in this way and will be opposed. The effects of overcrowding are well-known.

While I support sensible ideas to improve the bus station and Gosport Precinct areas, the building of up to six storeys on these sites is madness, as is the threat to 'investigate development potential' in front of Blake Court towards Hammond Court.

I note that the number of parking spaces is to be considerably decreased as a result of this plan, and that little thought has been given to improving the infrastructure of the area to support the increase in population. This further reinforces the perception that this is an illogical and irresponsible way of meeting the requirement to increase housing units in the borough. A rethink is needed.

Michael J. SADDEN

Additional space for comments