

Appendix 1: Brief summary of some of the main comments received and the proposed response

61 organisations made a total of approximately 700 comments. The brief summary below is intended to give an indication of some of the main comments. It is not comprehensive, and a full schedule of all comments made together with the proposed response has been placed in the members room.

	Comment	Officer Response
1	HSE / MoD – identify hazardous sites.	Agree – make reference to consultation requirements.
2	Business Solent / Future Southampton – a wide range of generally supportive comments and a request for more detailed discussions.	Welcome support and agree with the need for more detailed discussions on individual projects as they move forward. Following a further meeting some detailed amendments are being considered.
3	Chamber of Commerce – a wide range of comments, for example: focus on the existing shopping area first before westward expansion; there needs to be a full transport plan; marketing will be important; more specific forecasts needed for growth.	Broadly agree, more information is contained in the background evidence.
4	A range of developers – further evidence on deliverability is needed	Agree – this is in preparation and has informed the Plan as it evolves.
5	English Heritage – need to refer to heritage in vision	Agree
6	Southampton Action for Access – needs to be a reference to improving access for those with reduced mobility	Agree – amendments proposed
7	Southern Water / Environment Agency – include reference to the need for developers to fund local improvements to water infrastructure, to protect easements and to the Water Framework Directive.	Agree – amendments proposed
8	Southampton Solent University – the approach to offices on East Park Terrace and other sites is inconsistent.	Disagree – there is already flexibility, and offices are not sought if the site is predominately used for the University
9	LaSalle (City Industrial Estate) and Aviva (West Quay and Mountbatten retail parks) – more flexibility needed on the requirement to provide offices	Agree – amendments proposed
10	La Salle (Central Trading Estate) – more flexibility to promote the redevelopment of this estate	Disagree – Although the Plan doesn't phase redevelopment, it does

		recognise it is more likely to occur in the longer term. In the meantime, the site is in an appropriate location for industrial uses and provides a wider range of jobs.
11	ABP – need a policy to prioritise traffic access to the Port, prevent residential development on the Western Gateway.	Partially agree – policy proposed, but this needs to strike the right balance between the port and city centre interests, recognising the national importance of the port and the regional importance of the city centre
12	ABP – should recognise port uses can change and direct links / views to the City Cruise Terminal are inappropriate	Partially agree – amendments proposed
13	Tarmac / Hanson / Cemex – the mineral wharves should be protected	The mineral wharves are protected and clear references to the Minerals and Waste Plan are proposed. However if the wharves are relocated this will enable their redevelopment
14	ABP – should plan positively for the regeneration of the wharves	The Plan does set out a positive vision for the regeneration of wharves but it is important it recognises this is likely to be in the longer term and in the meantime it is important to protect the wharves for mineral use
15	Hammersons / John Lewis – concern over the scale and phasing of retail expansion	Detailed changes proposed although the principle of expansion at the right time is appropriate
16	Aviva – support retail expansion but there should be more certainty about where this can occur, the Mountbatten retail park should be included, and there should be more flexibility on phasing	The Mountbatten retail park is too detached from the main shopping area. The Plan promotes expansion adjacent to the main shopping area at the appropriate time. It is important to phase expansion to protect the existing shopping area.
17	LaSalle (City Industrial Estate) – this site is suitable for retail use.	The site is separated from the main shopping area. The standard edge / out of centre

		tests for retail development should apply
18	EBRA / SFRA – concern about late night uses and welcome the policy which controls them	Support welcome
19	Various – there should be more control of student accommodation, promotion of family housing, consideration of need for a secondary school	The Plan promotes purpose built student accommodation and the Council has introduced extra controls on HMOs. Family housing is supported in the city centre where possible. A new policy is introduced to support and help plan for new schools.
20	SCAPPS – the existing and new open space is not sufficient for the scale of new development; s106 / CIL money should be used to invest in open spaces.	Recent audits have shown sufficient park space, but deficient amenity green space. Policy approach protects existing spaces, proposes new open spaces, and seeks developer contributions.
21	Environment Agency – strongly support the approach to flood defences	Welcome support.
22	SCAPPS – there needs to be greater protection of views from the old town	Agree though some flexibility is needed – add protection for views from Bugle Street and / or French Street
23	SCAPPS / SFRA – various concerns about tall buildings, including adjacent to the Central Parks	Add reference to managing the relationship of tall buildings to the parks
24	Aviva – concerns about downgrading Western Esplanade	Added emphasis to transport modelling. The proposal will significantly enhance pedestrian access to the station whilst still enabling traffic to flow.
25	Southampton Cycling Campaign – various suggestions for improving cycling	Most of these measures are too detailed for the Plan but have been passed to the Council’s transport policy team.
26	Business Solent - Underplays role of smaller sites	The Plan sets out general policies which will help guide smaller sites.
27	SCAPPS – object to replacement of Blychenden Terrace green space with new public squares in the absence of more detail	Add reference that new spaces should be green where possible

	Hammersons – object to retail at Station	Clearer reference to retail tests and ancillary retail
28	Friends of Town Quay Park / SCAPPS – object to any loss of the park	Strengthen protection of the park as designated open space
29	Southampton Solent University – more flexibility on uses at East Park Terrace, including scope for joint ventures	Agree
30	Old Northam Road Traders Association – object to flexibility to enable loss of retail premises; doesn't reflect the progress made	Agree - Amendments proposed to policy and supporting text.