Gateway Rezoning Study
Survey Results

Dover, NH
2013
Have you watched the introductory video about context sensitive zoning on channel 22 or OnDemand online? Here is the web address for the video https://vimeo.com/55947877.
Please describe the nature of your connection with Dover (please check all that apply):

- 26.1% (31) Resident along one of the subject gateways
- 28.6% (34) Business owner along one of the subject gateways
- 5.9% (7) Property owner in Dover somewhere other than one of the subject gateways
- 30.3% (36) Resident of Dover somewhere other than one of the subject gateways
- 12.6% (15) Business owner in Dover somewhere other than one of the subject gateways
Which gateway are you most connected to? Note: even if you do not live, own property or own a business along or near any of these gateways, please choose the gateway that you use the most or that you are most interested in improving and keep that gateway in mind in completing the remainder of the survey.

- Portland Avenue: East from Chapel Street to the Rollinsford town line... 12.4% (15)
- Broadway: East from Ham Street to the Rollinsford town line (B on map) 7.4% (9)
- Silver Street: East from Exit 8 off the Spaulding Turnpike to Central... 14.9% (18)
- Central Avenue South Section: North from the intersection with Birchw... 15.7% (19)
- Central Avenue South Section: North from Ham Street towards Abbey Saw... 19.8% (24)
4. Please name a landmark or building (preferably in Dover) that resembles the look and feel you want on your gateway? Why did you pick this landmark?

- Cocheco River perhaps, since it flows nearly adjacent to Sixth St for several miles all the way into Gonic. The little league park at the end of Hillside Dr may also be a landmark best resembling the gateway along Sixth.
- Krans and Krans building, which preserves the look of the historic of Dover, as well as our apartment building at 10/12 St. John St.
- Any of the nicely upgraded residential buildings now functioning as professional services buildings (law firms & architects) on Central Ave north.
- Historic homes on silver, granite welcome sign on Stark, island with marker stone on Portland
- Centrix bank, 83 Washington Street, Cocheco Falls Millworks, 660 Central Ave., Dover library, and other converted large homes
- Silver Fountain B&B or other well-preserved Victorian home
- The Woodman Institute
- The bridge going across route 4. Historic feel is welcoming.
- Corner of Central & Hale; Dover Brick House
- Quaker Meeting House - classic New England architecture, trees.
- The large brick (soon to be multi-family?) house on the corner or Chapel and Portland Ave. Also the white apartment building at 81? Portland Ave.
- Buried utility lines at every chance that presents it's self. Every town that puts the lines underground have a bump in positive development. It makes the environment much more pleasant to be in, even if citizens don't know why, they like the openness and clean look.
- Portland & Rogers has nice residential feel, large older structures
- The Strafford Bank building, the general fixing up of traditional brick buildings and mills downtown
- South-east corner of Atkinson & Silver
- Brick facades on the Downtown area and the "Newmans" corner of Central and Silver. Tuttles Corner: St John’ Church; old colonials on Silver; historic buildings on Central near cemetary.
- The Dover town hall looks good. It is historic looking.
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- Historic homes, Victorian and Colonial
Children’s museum. Historic but modernized

dovery public library. red brick face, look of permanance, large attractive windows, well landscaped, building size fits lot

The brick senior living home/ former church at the corner of chapel and rogers st. I picked it because it is big and has lots of potential. Additionally, it historically matches that brick house further up the road on Portland ave.

historic homes, sidewalks

strongly believe Siver St's existing historical homes be protected and when possible enhanced.

St. Joseph's church, the buildings in the cemetary & the older homes from the early 1900s. I feel the craftsmanship and detail that the older buildings & homes have are what give dover its charm and character.

mill buildings - love the look of old brick

the strand theater view type its just an old classic design that fits in dover so well and can improve on what needs to be

TD Bank - Fits with the mills well and the building always looks clean and tidy. Brick doesn't require a lot of maintenance.

Moore's property at the corner of Silver and Locust. The diverse older buildings are attractive and the residential aspect of this street and the limiting of the small commercial businesses (and rear parking) to the north side of the street is appealing. It could be a wonderful walking street if it was provided with flat repaired brick walkways, benches, and trees. It would be wonderful to have a destination at the former McIntosh College site where residents of Dover could walk to a restaurant or movie, just as the students used to walk to downtown Dover. Central Avenue, on the other hand, reminds me of Rt. 113/ High Street driving in close to downtown Newburyport, with its' churches, cemetery, small brick apartment buildings, pocket parks and older housing.
• Cafe on the Corner. attracts pedestrians. no paved parking lot.
• First Parish Church (not its annex)
• I would like to see our historical homes be saved. I don't know how.
• The building cornered by Dover Wine and Nicole’s Clean lines, quaint New England look, brick, aesthetically pleasing architecture.
• Henry Law Park. It's a nice place to gather with our children
• Children's Museum. Lively, vibrant reuse of an existing structure with adjacent park lands and no parking lot or parking structures visible.
• Krans and Krans brick building downtown. I like the brick and the interesting shape of the building. Since dover is a mill town brick seems to me to be the desired facade for Dover. Also cafe on the corner down to Washington St is nice.
• st thomas chuech
• silver fountain inn @ corner of Silver & Cushing
• any of the old brick downtown buildings. Dover has done a really good job of preserving the old buildings, and I think we must continue to maintain them and/or build new buildings that blend in well.
• brick buildings downtown….old-time, family oriented, community centralized
• A smaller version of Henry Law park, because not only would this bring those apart of this gateway closer together it would show those entering the downtown area the beauty that is Dover, as well as the sense of community Dover has. Turning the old motel at the end of Silver into a newer one, or creating some type of business there might be a great way to attract passerbyers to this gateway.
• Barley Pub Bldg
• The brick condos just north of the hospital - interesting, unique, attractive historical building with currently appropriate use (and yard rather than paved parking between the building and the street).
• Cafe on the Corner It's a nice intersection in town, clean, active, hip.
• 125 Silver Street. I have always loved the appearance of this building.
• Silver Street should be a mix of residential and office uses, parking should be on street and to the rear of buildings. There should be wide sidewalks with grass planting strips. Lighting should be of a pedestrian scale (remove cobra heads). Old growth trees should be preserved where possible but street tree pattern should be implemented along entire corridor. The overpass over the community trail should be treated as a bridge (ornamental guiderails, different lighting fixtures) This could also be used as a traffic calming element. On street parking bays should be clearly delineated. Travel lane should be narrowed to 11 feet to accommodate parking bays and perhaps a bike lane in both directions. The Silver Street corridor has good bones but has the opportunity to be enhanced significantly. Any new construction along the corridor should be in keeping with the 19th century structures currently in place today (from a scale and position on the street standpoint). Use of natural materials should be encouraged and in general structures should have a wood framed, clapboard appearance.
• The grassy triangle/landmark bordered by Main Street, Central Ave, and Chapel Street (Franklin Triangle?). This is great because it is pedestrian-friendly, visually appealing (trees, vegetation, benches, brick), and traffic is controlled.
• Silver Fountain Inn
• Keep the older building style
• The sign as you come into town on Silver St
5. PLEASE DESCRIBE SOME TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE ALONG YOUR GATEWAY?

- ANY DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD INCREASE THE VOLUME AND SPEED OF TRAFFIC ON SIXTH ST
- Large condominium projects
- Poorly designed multi-family tract houses.
- Strip malls, big box stores.
- I would not prefer commercial buildings that are ultra modern however worst is commercial buildings that are poorly built and without historical characters or attention to details.
- high-rise; shopping mall; industry
- Dunkin' Donuts or anything commercial enterprise other than what is already there which is 2 gas stations and some professional offices in the homes.
- Billboards
- There are enough banks!! Less "large" car-based commercial developments (as the new Kennebunk Savings). More pedestrian-friendly mixed uses connecting to train station and downtown.
- car dealerships - large signs - condo developments that all look the same - gas stations
- The townhouse style condos at 103? Portland Ave. where the parking is so visible, perhaps if they were facing the street they would be better. (FYI: The buildings where Bellaviso and Smiley's and that clapboard shack downtown are are hideous!)
- No more gas stations, car dealerships and discount beer stores.
- retail
- Planned cul-de-sac communities
- gas stations or mcdonalds type
- Modern Condos...would rather redo old homes into other residential options. Especially in section E on map.
- I don't know.
- I don't know.
- gas stations, convenience stores,
- Residential condos, gas stations or convenience
- boxy structures without interest, gas stations, car washes, more than 3 stories, parking lots, tarred sidewalks. brick sidewalks should remain and be taken care of. silver street is currently very difficult to navigate safely. It is also extremely barren. the age of most structures suggests there should be mature trees lining the street. there use to be but have not been replaced as they've died off. I think is really looks awful, not at all inviting.
- Concrete buildings, Use of too much glass or modern style architecture.
- wide, treeless, focus on car Silver st
- no furture commercial development of any kind other that what has been allowed Strengthen the commercial in home office rules to prevent any more professional offices
- Flat rectangular buildings or the multi-residential colonial type condos that have sprung up all over Dover. (Back River Road behind Tedeschi, on Washington south of Cushing & Belknap and on Atlantic Avenue before you get to Portland Ave.
- super modern, shiny, sleek
- wouldn't know top of my head
- Houses that have not been painted in years, where the paint was white and the building is now charcoal black. See bulding on Silver Street.
- Expansion of the commercial development near exit 8. i.e. gas stations, or any large shops with out front parking...NO Silver Street is a narrower street and not conducive for parking on the street
- More of the same, Burger King, Gas Stations
- fast food, bars (like the Wave), convenience stores, more gas stations
• Strip malls, dunkin donuts, parking lots
• Metal prefab, anything that resembles a box or factory type structure. I'm sure if given a set of pictures I would have no trouble dividing them into two piles, yes and no.
• A parking structure, more bars or liquor stores.
• Condo Development, Chain Retail (drug stores, fast food, etc)
• More Restaurants, bars, lounges
• Any more dumps like that sub shop development that just changed hands right after One Washinton Plaza on the right hand side. The landlord should fix it up or demolish it.
• more convenience stores, gas stations
• drive thru coffee establishments Please rebuild Silver Street. it's a very rough road now. If you improve it correctly, you will help the values and owners will maintain and improve property.
• gas stations, convenience stores
• gas stations, stop n go type stores, fast food, car lots
• I would hate to see any sort of chain businesses going up, other than what is already there,
• UHaul building and lot in front Old Cumberland farms bldg
• Big box, small chain/franchise - the stuff you can see anywhere, not unique or special to Dover. And no more parking lots right on Central (like around the chain pharmacies, banks, medical office buildings, or front-yard parking of multi-occupant buildings) - they make an asphalt desert
• Tall buildings, taller than what is already in town. Big Store signs or franchises, I like the small businesses in the down town Dover area.
• Industrial development. This road has been residential and small businesses (lawyers, dentists, doctors) for quite a while and it suits the buildings that are there.
• Development should be context sensitive. Appropriate massing of structures along gateway corridors, do not want to see single story structures with parking fields. Parking should be screened and placed to the rear of the building.
• Empty lots (wooded areas) developed, more parking lots.
• Strip malls, more gas stations, more fast food, etc.
• Strip malls, business complexes.
• Retail outlets of any kind
• No more fast traffic...there are kids and pets that walk the street and people go way too fast on this street.
• Anything new. I am 100% committed to the old buildings; new construction even if done in an old fashioned aesthetic would make me unhappy. Most buildings along here are wood clapboard houses, so anything new should at least reflect that. Brick, concrete or stucco buildings would be very out of place. I would have no problem with the existing buildings being converted to commercial use, as long as parking isn't an eyesore, but it's imperative to me that the residential feel of this corridor be maintained.
• Not retail with large parking like are like Cleary's ?Care Pharmacy
• Commercial, other than limited office use.
• retail/commercial
• The cars that presently speed in downtown trucks and cars have posed more and more danger to those of us who shop downtown. It is a frightening event to cross the Central Ave. near Chapel Street.
• fast food, lighted signs, car lots
• any business or practice - no on street parking allowed
• No commercial development: no gas stations, convenience stores, restaurants, fast food establishments, bars, half-way houses, assisted living facilities, medical offices, dental offices, hotel/motel, auto parts store, police/fire station, public garage, any City operation facility, etc. In other words, no zoning changes at all. It's a residential area and should remain that way. I purchased the property in 1984 and have lived here since. I did so because it met my needs at the time and continues to meet my needs. If I wanted to live next to a gas station or a dentist office I'd move there. If I wanted to live in an area where you couldn't see the neighbor, I'd move there.
• commercial chains/fast food restaurants
• convenience stores, gas stations
• Rather than singling out business or usage types, I would hope not to see neon/illuminated signage, chain link fencing, dumpsters visible from street, junked vehicles, etc.
• Janetos type
• McDonald's, Walmart, big box stores
• I would not like to see commercial business added that would draw more traffic to Silver Street.
• No gas stations, car washes, junk shops, or anything that can create an eyesore; the black dog carwash on upper central ave is bad enough.
• gas stations, discount beverage (package) stores. box stores.
• Gas stations,
• Large chain stores
• Commercial: Strafford Tire; Goss
• drive throughs, kiosk commercial buildings, franchise architecture
• exces of gasoline stations, quickie marts
• Banking, chain type stores, manufacturing
• I think the area should not have any commercial businesses on Silver St.
• Anything that is industrial or involves the coming and going of more truck traffic.
• Buildings with a lack of definite architectural style (think McMansions). Buildings that don't fit the style of the rest of the block.
• Any big businesses, banks, car washes, and places like cash for gold.
• big box stores
• Condos crammed sideways into a small lot (similar to Washington St), convenience stores (i.e. Shell & Gulf), low income house or large apartment complexes, car washes.
• multi-story mixed use "in-fill" buildings.
• Non-descript residential or commercial, such as Rite Aid or new conversion of Laconia Saving Bank; "modern" buildings like Federal Savings
I would hate to see any chain restaurants, more gas stations, or grocery stores. I wish we could do away with more of the "miracle mile" businesses because it ruins the look of that area.

It has less to do with type of use (type of development) and more to do with siting, parking and architecture. Uses will change over the years.

Commercial uses that discourage the residential integrity of the neighborhood, continued use of above ground power lines

Parking lots in front at street or buildings without windows or human scale at sidewalk

Don't want to see strip malls and chain developments, want to keep focus on local or smaller franchises. Also don't want to see super generic facade treatments that are not durable and just look like the rest of America

Anything with plastic or neon signs! Dover should implement a 'wooden exterior signs only' along the downtown routes.

Anything using neon signage or businesses catering to personal vises such as a tattoo parlor, smoke shop, adult entertainment, fireworks, package store, pawn shop, bingo hall. No more traffic lights....agh! The Burger King intersection area is kind of "messy".

Gas stations, drive-throughs

Fast food/chain restaurants, apartment complexes, strip malls, plazas

Gas stations, one story buildings, buildings with parking in front

More businesses permitted to open on Silver Street. Removing the old brick sidewalks and replacing them with cement sidewalks. The brick should be salvaged, the sidewalk leveled and the brick reinstalled.

I would like to see the historic character maintained as they have in the commercial areas of Portsmouth. No car washes, Starbucks or other chains...

Big, brash buildings with loud signs businesses that encourage long-term parking
• A new multi family condo development - oh wait that's already happening. I cannot imagine what this is going to do to our traffic. It's already a nightmare to take a left from my driveway, when this is finished I'm afraid it'll be nearly impossible to get back in.
• Single story, strip mall type buildings
• Rite Aid box stores
• I would not like to see additional industrial development on the Rollinsford end of Broadway. The traffic entering and exiting the Wentworth Douglass office is already a cause of congestion and occasionally hazardous driving conditions. If zoning were changed to allow private residences to be built or moved closer to the rear property lines along Broadway (further residential setback), this would allow families with young children to greatly mitigate the risks that our children are exposed to by having yards directly abutting a major thruway. A second form of development that I would not Luke to see more of is multi-family housing. Broadway used to have a nice flow from multifamily to single family as you moved away from Central Ave towards residential Rollinsford. The recent development of an apartment building on the corner of Broadway and Oak has interrupted that flow and made the neighborhood feel awkward.
• Fast food, gas stations, car wash
• strip malls, brick buildings
• No development of "new" commercial buildings
Are you happy with the current look and feel of your gateway?

- Yes, very satisfied: 8.3% (10)
- Satisfied: 28.1% (34)
- Neutral: 34.7% (42)
- Not Satisfied: 28.9% (35)
How do you feel about the current level of development along your gateway?

- Too dense: 10.3% (12)
- Just right: 72.4% (84)
- Too spread out: 12.9% (15)
- Too much empty space: 4.3% (5)
Do you feel there is an appropriate balance between commercial and residential uses along your gateway?

- No, not enough commercial: 22.0% (26)
- Yes, just right: 78.0% (92)
- No, not enough residential: 11.3% (14)
What are some of the uses you would like to see less or more of along your gateway?

- Office Space
- Public Park/Lands
- Single Family Detached Housing
- Mixed Uses (projects combining two or more uses)
- Traditional Neighborhood streets that interest limited use of…
- Restaurants
- Specialty Retail
- Residential Rental (larger complexes)
- Residential Rental (1 to 6 units)
- Age Restricted Housing
- All Other Responses

Legend:
- Purple: Same/Neutral
- Blue: Less
- Orange: More
What are some of the uses you would like to see less or more of along your gateway?
How do you feel about the sizes of lots along your gateway?

- Too large: 4.0% (5)
- Neutral: 90.3% (112)
- Too small: 5.6% (7)
Are buildings set back too far from the road in your gateway?

- Yes: 7.3% (9)
- Neutral: 32.3% (40)
- No: 60.5% (75)
What modes of transportation do you use on these gateways?

- Car: 96.8% (121)
- Walking: 82.4% (103)
- Biking: 38.4% (48)
- COAST bus: 17.6% (22)
- Wildcat Bus: 13.6% (17)
- Train: 11.2% (14)
- Carpooling: 12.0% (15)
What improvements need to be made for you to use modes of transportation you are not currently using (check all that apply)?

- Sidewalk improvements: 75.4% (89)
- Street trees: 49.2% (58)
- Better separation from traffic for pedestrians: 61.9% (73)
- Slower vehicle speeds: 38.1% (45)
- Bus shelters: 39.8% (47)
- Higher density of residential and commercial uses: 20.3% (24)
- More frequent bus stops: 16.1% (19)
- Other: 13.6% (16)
Does your gateway have adequate sidewalks?

- Yes, and they are used: 25.8% (32)
- No, but wish we did: 9.7% (12)
- Yes, but they are not really used: 0.8% (1)
How do you view the amount of vehicles travelling on your gateway?

- Busy but tolerable: 42.7% (53)
- Average: 13.7% (17)
- Too many cars: 10.5% (13)
- Too many trucks/large vehicles: 23.4% (29)
- Way too busy: 9.7% (12)
How do you view speed of traffic on your gateway?

- Too slow: 0.8% (1)
- Just right: 29.8% (37)
- A little fast, but tolerable: 43.5% (54)
- Too fast: 25.8% (32)
Would you prefer to live on a street with or without street trees?

- With: 90.2% (111)
- Neutral: 5.7% (7)
- Without: 4.1% (5)
What do you think are the best ways for us to outreach to Dover residents to gain additional feedback on this project? Please check all that apply.

- Letters in mail: 54.2% (65)
- Facebook City of Dover NH Planning: 43.3% (52)
- Twitter @DoverNHPlanning: 17.5% (21)
- Flyers: 27.5% (33)
- Booths at events: 20.8% (50)
- Radio: 36.7% (44)
- Public meetings: 43.3% (52)
- City’s website: 49.2% (59)
- Channel 22: 25.0% (30)
- All Other Responses: 73.3% (88)
Thank you!