

NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254- Public Inquiry re Proposed Stopping Up of Highway at Princes Parade, Folkestone CT21 6AG.

First of all I would respectfully like say that I very much hope you will not merely sit in the Council Chamber looking at plans and reading words but will visit the site. Not to do so would be to miss the very nature of the issue.

My objections to the stopping up part of Princes Parade and the siting of the proposed new road are concerned with a number of issues:

- The **damage** that will be done to the **natural environment**. Firstly the detrimental effect on the beautiful setting of the canal. We hear much of the need to bring tranquility into our lives; this proposal which will bring traffic noise and pollution closer to the canal will greatly affect the peacefulness associated with this area. Secondly, habitats will be destroyed. We live in times when man's power to destroy the natural world is rightfully under close scrutiny; this is a case in point.
- From an **asthetic viewpoint**, the break in fluidity of the vista from west to east, and east to west, of Princes Parade.
- With regard to **parking**, there will be fewer convenient parking spaces on the parade. It is a favourite spot for those unable to walk to take in the fun of the seaside and the beauty of the sea.
- On a **safety grounds**, as things stand Princes Parade offers excellent visibility to car users, and with added traffic calming measures this current alignment is likely to present less of a danger to road users and pedestrians than the proposed plan of bending roads.

Again on safety issues, I understand that the proposed road contravenes recommendations of the environment agencies with regard to waterways, and lies within the 16m buffer zone from a main river.

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