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Sent: 24 August 2021 15:03
To: Planning <Planning@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Public Inquiry Details : PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT PRINCES PARADE, FOLKESTONE CT21 6AQ

As suggested by the Transport Agency please see attached objections for the above proposal.

Kind regards

Helen Colley

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Public Inquiry Details: PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT PRINCES PARADE, FOLKESTONE CT21 6AQ
From: Helen Colley [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 August 2021, 14:05
To: NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk>
CC:

Thank you for your email, I am relieved and delighted that the Secretary of State for Transport has elected to hold a public inquiry re the stopping up of the highway at Princes Parade.

This indicates that local opinions and concerns will be addressed in an open manner and not compromised by a planning authority granting permissions to other branches of the same authority.

There is a risk of duplication and repetition from objectors regarding the stopping up. If you were/are privy to the Save Princes Parade protest march on Sunday 15th August this year the overlapping themes are apparent.

Attended by around a 1000 people it is no surprise that common concerns are shared. The mantra "Save Princes Parade, Save Our Wildlife, Save Our Road" in its simplest form speaks volumes.

We moved from Folkestone to Seabrook, Hythe 15 years ago because the beauty of the Royal Military Canal and its surrounds.

We live in Seabrook on the A259 within a minute walk to the RMC and the seafront of Princes Parade. It is an area of great historic significance, peaceful, tranquil, and full of wildlife, plants, flowers, and a great open space.

Summary of objections to the realignment of the road:-

* Destruction and harm to wildlife. I have seen herons, kingfisher, swans, ducks, frogs, stoats, guillemot, waders, there is an established badger sett.

I have fished the canal - fish include carp, Rudd, roach, pike. The habitats of all these species will be significantly impaired or destroyed.

* Displaced Traffic

Traffic will significantly increase on the A259. An already very busy road. The housing developments at Shorncliffe and Imperial Green are testament to the increased volume of traffic. Vehicle pollution etc. and in such close proximity to Seabrook Primary School.

* Parking availability

Should the road be stopped up the loss of parking spaces on Princes Parade will impact on surrounding streets. Even now in the summer months particularly road parking is at a premium. Both sides of the A259 are packed, lorries, busses, coaches have to weave in and out. Local householders vying for a scrap of parking space.

* Siting of the new road

I object to the siting of the road on the setting of the canal - pollution, noise, especially with the new road's proximity of 13.32 meters of the canal..a blatant contravention of the Environment Agencies recommendations.

* Loss of open space


If lockdown taught us anything it was the absolute necessity of access to open spaces. This area fulfils this entirely..Place of beauty, nature at its best, peaceful, tranquil. Princes Parade and the canal are a much used and valued public resource. A generic population use them for cycling, dog walking, jogging, strolling, street vendors, socialising, fishing. All such opportunities are essential for good physical and mental health for local people and those visiting for R&R.

It is fairly obvious that I am fervently against the road realignment.!!!

Kind regards

Helen Colley

On 18 August 2021, at 09:05, NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk> wrote:

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Dear Sir / Madam

Our ref: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990: SECTION 247
PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT PRINCES PARADE, FOLKESTONE CT21 6AQ OS GRID
REFERENCE: E:618281, N:134781**

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC INQUIRY

In light of your outstanding objection, the Secretary of State for Transport has decided that a Public Inquiry into the above proposed Order should be held and has appointed an inspector to hold the inquiry.

I attach a copy of the Notice confirming the date, venue and commencement time of the Inquiry. The inquiry is expected to last 4 days.

The Notice will be published in the Folkestone Herald on the 23 September 2021.

A copy of your correspondence will be sent to the Inspector who is to conduct the Public Inquiry into the proposed Order.

THE INQUIRY will be held at Council Chamber, Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY commencing at 10:00am on 19 October 2021.

WRITTEN STATEMENT [OF CASE]

Although Inquiries into these types of Orders are not governed by particular Inquiry Rules, it is helpful to the Inquiry proceedings, and to avoid any potential for delays, if written statements which the parties intend to rely upon to present their case are exchanged ahead of the Inquiry and a copy provided to the Inspector ahead of the Inquiry opening.

You are requested, therefore, to provide a copy of your written statement [of case], as an objector to the Order, to this office by no later than **21 September 2021** and at such time send a copy of that statement to the applicant.

I look forward to receiving your written statement in due course. In the meantime, should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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