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Your Ref; NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

*Town & Country Planning Act 1990: Section 247
Proposed stopping up of Highway at Princes Parade, Folkestone CT21 6AQ
OS Grid ref; E:618281, N: 134781*

We write to formally object to the Order for the following reasons.

- 1. All the reasons for the highway to be built where it is still hold good.*
- 2. Realigning the road will result in the huge loss of amenity for the General Public as the road currently provides access to approximately 1.5 miles of the sea shore with safe parking. Anglers transport heavy equipment to the beach to carry out their hobby, Mums can take their children safely to the shore for some fresh air after school and during the holidays. Less active and disabled people can sit in their cars; admire the sea views and take in the sea air.*
- 3. The rerouting of the road only 13 meters alongside the Royal Military Canal will destroy the peace and tranquillity so many of us enjoy whilst walking along its banks.*
- 4. The canal bank is also currently home to a diversity of nature and the traffic noise and pollution will have an adverse effect destroying their habitat.*
- 5. Princes Parade is a safe, straight road that many of us use when traffic is heavy on the parallel A 259. The proposed realignment will*

- result in increased traffic flow on the A 259 as will new housing developments planned along its route.*
- 6. The loss of parking spaces, at the very least 60 cars, will put even more pressure on the surrounding residential roads.*
 - 7. Due to the unsuitability of the land the council proposes to build on at Princes Parade, the development could take a number of years resulting in the complete loss of an alternative to the A259 for that time.*

In summary we strongly believe that our environment, happiness, safety and wellbeing will suffer for all the above reasons if the stopping up of Princes Parade goes ahead and we beg you to use your powers to turn it aside.

Yours sincerely

Ian & Elaine Draper

Supplemental Comments.

In amplification of our letter of objection above, we have discussed the matter with my friend Trevor Greening C. Eng, FICE who before his retirement was also a Fellow of the Institution of Highways and Transportation and a Fellow of the Institution of Municipal Engineers. He was the Folkestone Borough Engineer at the time they were the Highway Authority with an Agency Agreement with the Department of Transport to manage the Trunk roads within the Borough including the A259.

We share his views and are convinced that the diversion of Princes Parade will be to the long term detriment of local and regional road users.

When the section of the A259 between its junction with Princes Parade and the Twiss Road junction is blocked, traffic would normally use the 2000 meters of free road along Princes Parade.

The stopping up proposed would reduce the storage capacity of Princes Parade to approximately 200 meters before backing up on the A259 towards Folkestone and cause a chicane effect which even if there was a free flow of traffic through the residential area, slowing down traffic, particularly Busses and HGVs. However if the Inspector is minded to approve, we respectfully ask he attach appropriate conditions to safeguard the importance of the route through the development.

Yours sincerely

Ian and Elaine Draper 19th. September 2021

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