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Sent: 10 September 2021 11:01
To: NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk>; Programme Officer <Programme.Officer@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Public Inquiry Details: PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT PRINCES PARADE, FOLKESTONE CT21 6AQ

Dear Sir/Madam,

In reply to this email, my written statement [of case] as an objector to this proposal is as displayed below.

It is a copy of my original objection. So maybe ignored if the original objection is already being used as part of the inquiry.

Objection to the following 'Stopping Up & Diversion of Highways', reference NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254.

I oppose this change in road layout due to the following reasons:

- The current layout provides an unbroken area of tranquillity along the Scheduled Ancient Monument of the Royal Military Canal. Re-routing the road to run alongside the canal will destroy this current setting in terms of noise, setting and wildlife.
- The moving of this road is being requested as part of a planning permission application. However this development can still go ahead without making this unnecessary and destructive road change.
- The movement of the road will seriously effect the safety of the road. As the proposed layout will introduce a number of tight corners which will seriously reduce visibility for both drivers using the road and pedestrians crossing the road. This will be very dangerous compared to the existing straight road layout with its high visibility for all users.
- The current road is also separated by a wall that provides additional safety by separating the pedestrians from the road.
- The current layout provides a lot of beach side parking spaces, which would all be lost.
- The road will cut directly through the centre of a current large area of green wildlife. Whereas it's current placement at the edge of the green space has no effect on the wildlife.
- The new proposed road change will have a significant harmful effect on the Scheduled Ancient Monument setting of the Royal Military Canal.
- The noise of the road traffic on the otherwise quiet space will increase dramatically from the constant speeding up and slowing down of traffic negotiating the proposed bends in the road.
- There is currently a much used and liked children's play area towards the East end of the proposed area, which currently connects uninterrupted on grass land to the canal, which in turn leads uninterrupted either across foot bridges, or around the end of the canal to lots of existing housing in and around Seabrook Road. The current uninterrupted pedestrian leisure access would be changed into requiring pedestrians to have to cross the proposed road location.
- This road will also add traffic fumes and noise right next to the children's playground, as it is next to one of the proposed bends in the road.

Regards,
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On 18 Aug 2021, at 09:04, NATIONALCASEWORK
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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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