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**Proposed Stopping Up Of Highway at Princes Parade, Hythe, CT21 6AQ.
IS grid reference E:618281, N:134781**

Dear Sirs

In respect of the above matter, I wish to lodge my complaints in lieu of the Public Enquiry to be held on 19th October 2021.

Our local council has submitted plans to themselves. Approved them. Changed them. Approved them again and dismissed local residents concerns, so I welcome the chance of these concerns being heard at the Enquiry. Until such time as the law changes, to disallow the same Authority to approve their own plans, then I guess probity, transparency, honesty and accountability to the public will cease to be a condition of councillors.

1. There has been no reassurance to local residents about protection against the workings of stopping up of the existing road. When bore holes were made in the site, it discovered asbestos, as well as many other pollutants, detrimental to all wildlife and human beings alike. There is a local school within walking distance and the contamination will be felt there as well. This was a municipal tip, years and years ago and therefore very unclear what exactly is buried there, hence the need for the bore holes.
2. The loss of the existing road is unnecessary, costly and damaging the Royal Military Canal forever. People park on the existing road, fish off the beach, families gather and there is wheelchair access to the beach. The loss of parking is truly worrying. The A259 is an extremely busy road, with no spaces available for extra vehicles, nor in the few side roads. Accidents are inevitable.
3. Should this be approved, it will mean the loss of a beautiful, tranquil place, together with the loss of so much wildlife. There is a badger sett already home for many, but the council have approved their own plans to close it down and make an alternative man-made one, but that will still be in the direct route of the proposed new road.
4. There is just not enough room on the canal for this stopping up of the road. It is going to be within 13.32m of the canal, within the 16m buffer zone from a waterway, which is ill advised.
5. If this road is necessary for the whole development to take place, then it should have been the first application to be approved. There is no need to the proposed new road and I am vehemently against it. There are other sites locally for the original application which could be used, less intrusive, more cost effective.

Please Save our Road. Save our Wildlife. Save Princes Parade.

Yours faithfully

Alison Kennett