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Dear Sirs,

I would be so grateful if my added comment about the proposed closure and redirected road going through Princes Parade could be taken into account.

I have been living in Hythe for 51 years and have seen the use of this road for all occasions.

This September 2021 has seen, at last warm, calm weather that has attracted a great number of visitors. I have witnessed all these warm evenings, cars parked along the stretch from Sandgate Petrol station to the Imperial Hotel.

People parking there late afternoon, early evening, even while children were back to school to simply enjoy swimming, picnicking on the beach, children playing, people walking, some erecting tents to spend the night there.

This road has been used through many years for European fishing competitions, walkers raising money for charities and many more events.

Workers in nursing homes, the carers visiting home sick people told me they parked their cars along the seafront on Princes Parade, to relax and get away from the stress and sadness of their jobs. Many working people park to eat their lunch there.

I have seen funerals driving slowly on that road giving a last goodbye to some people of Hythe.

The road is used by little businesses giving people the chance to get a coffee, ice cream. All you expect from a seaside resort.

It is actually the alone road in Hythe where you can sit in your car and see the sea. (A real treat for the disabled)

On a more important note, it has always been used as a relief stretch of road when Seabrook road is far too busy or when Sandgate road is closed due to the sea going over the road.(like last Winter)

Seabrook road cannot take more traffic than it is already taking. Some periods of the days, like school time, when people are going to work or come back from work, holiday time is a nightmare for pedestrians as many cars rush to get in time to their destinations.

Last year, as I was crossing Seabrook road, a car saw me at the last minute and stopped by my legs!

In the event of the road along Princes Parade being closed or diverted, it will create more traffic on Seabrook road. It is a main road but also a residential one. It will be catastrophic to all adjacent roads as well as the main road.

Thank you for reading my comment.

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