

1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Mr Woodward,

I hope I can still add a few words to the many you have received from local residents concerned about the proposed stopping up order of Princes Parade by Folkestone and Hythe Council.

I lived alongside the Royal Military Canal at West Hythe for 10 years enjoying peaceful walks through the seasons. I now live in Sandgate and can enjoy the same peaceful walks if I cross from the seawall and walk on the southern side of the Canal towards Hythe. Here the path is lower and sheltered from the often strong south westerlies and far enough from traffic noise on Princes Parade. Birds flit across the water into nests in willow, elder and brambles. In spring and summer there are bees and butterflies on the wildflowers. It has a unique feel completely different to further along the canal alongside the golf course. The peace and calm at this end of an Ancient Monument will be destroyed by the noise and pollution of a road so close to it. Walking along either side of the canal will not be a pleasant experience.

Once I get some petrol I hope to continue to drive along Princes Parade to West Hythe to visit friends. There are always cars parked the length of the road allowing people with reduced mobility to walk a short way and sit on the sea wall. Fishermen park there and families with small children and pushchairs. Their access and enjoyment of the sea will be made so much more difficult by the plans to redirect the road. It will also increase the traffic on the already busy A259.

I do hope you can understand these concerns when you do your inspection of the area.

Sincerely

Juliet Alderdice

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