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Subject: Ref: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254 - Objection to the stopping up of Princes Parade

FAO: Caroline Williams, Programme Officer

Dear Caroline

I understand that you are the most appropriate person to send this to for passing to the Dept for Transport (DfT) and the Folkestone & Hythe District Council (FHDC). Many thanks for your assistance.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the stopping up of the road at Princes Parade.

I spent all my childhood in the Hythe and Folkestone area living in Saltwood attending Saltwood Primary and then Folkestone Technical High School for Girls. Despite moving away to work in London in 1979 I have regularly visited the area ever since - some 42 years - and most always park and walk the Princes Parade promenade stretch to Sandgate/Folkestone. This area has and continues to be the place I find most beneficial to my mental health - it is truly the place I feel at home and can let the cares of the world evaporate.

To park up easily and walk along with the open views out to sea - everchanging with the seasons and with the canal area opposite providing its tranquil, wild feel, with birds song and wildlife all around, a peaceful contrast to the often crashing waves of the sea. So many people who live in the more urbanised areas towards London know the very area I speak of visiting and the fact that this part of the Kent coastline has been left unspoilt is a real draw which must be of benefit to the local economy.

I implore you to leave this stretch of road as it is to provide continuing benefit to not only the local people but the many, many visitors that flock to this stretch of the coast. The windsurfers, swimmers, paddleboarders, runners, walkers, dog walkers, fishermen, families and even the yoga enthusiasts on the beach - they all value this unique area for the positive opportunities it provides contributing to their health and well being.

Please, please leave Princes Parade as it is.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona Dunn