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Dear Caroline Williams,

Stopping up of Princes Parade:

"Bee kind..many locations.. with high biodiversity rating including the Royal Military Canal"  
- [folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](http://folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)

Destruction of Princes Parade and associated wildlife have between it and the Royal Military Canal is contrary to the council's own carbon reduction plan.

Destruction of the hard-wearing concrete road surface and replacement with a new road on unstable ground adjacent to the Royal Military Canal is a witless, almost pointless waste of resources, increase of carbon emissions and expense to ratepayers. Money has already been wasted on the siting and re-siting of parking paystations along the seawall. The current road provides a clearway for emergency vehicles onto Romney Marsh.

Supposed relocation of wildlife to another site is similarly wasteful, energy intensive and likely to be unsuccessful. Badgers are territorial and will attempt to re-use historic pathways. This will cause collisions with humans and road vehicles, fatalities and injuries to both. Their present location causes no trouble to cattle nor road traffic and provides a safe green corridor where they can co-exist. This applies to other animals, insects and birds on the present site.

The proposed upheaval, destruction and expense is unnecessary and wasteful set against the slight benefit of untrammelled sea access for a group of apartments likely to be holiday homes, of which Hythe and Sandgate already has a large proportion- just count the darkened windows out of season!

This project is wasteful short-termism from a council notorious for both (eg. attempts to commercialise The Green and failed legal action).