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Subject: Witness Statement: stopping up and diversion of the road at Princes Parade, hythe

To whom it may concern,

I would like to OBJECT to the stopping up and diversion of the road at Princes Parade, Hythe.

I strongly oppose the stopping up and diversion of the road at Princes Parade for 3 reasons:.

Firstly: Beach access would be restricted. The beach, and parking, along Princes Parade are a well-used asset enjoyed by visitors and locals alike. The beachside parking is ideal for disabled people and is used year-round by locals who want to enjoy the sea, but not necessarily endure the weather. The beach has always been popular with beach goers and fishermen, the loss of the parking will impede this use. Lockdown has highlighted what a wonderful asset this is, and I question why the council wants to remove this asset from its residents and make the beach access more restricted, less inclusive and more exclusive.

Secondly: The new location of the road will damage the 'green corridor' of the canal. This is a very well used recreational space full of wildlife. Having a busy, noisy road sited adjacent will ruin the tranquillity this section of the canal. The canal at this point is accessed by a wide demographic who will suffer unnecessary and increased noise and road pollution. Has the pollution been calculated in regard to the houses and school it will affect? Lockdown has highlighted how important local greenspace access is. This section of Seabrook/Hythe would lose its main green space if this change is allowed. Please consider if this change is worth the impact on the mental health of the Hythe/Seabrook residents.

Thrdly: The A259 is already difficult due to parked cars and without the Princes Parade road any blockage of this road would result in large vehicles being forced up unsuitable residential streets to find an alternative route. The moving of the road will have a detrimental impact on the residents and businesses of Hythe.

Thank you for your consideration,

M George