

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 October 2021 15:28

**To:** Programme Officer <Programme.Officer@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk>

**Cc:** nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk

**Subject:** Stopping Up Order NATTRAN/S247/3254

Dear Ms Williams,

I would be most grateful if my objections to the making of the proposed Order could be taken into account by the Inspector. I am a resident of Hythe and a local Council Tax payer, and I am registered to vote in Hythe.

I am opposed to the making of the proposed Order. The proposed Order will do great harm to the qualitative enjoyment of the seafront at Princes Parade by all user groups, including fisherman, sportsmen and women, families with small children, older people, disabled people and others. I am aware that many other commentators have drawn your attention to the fact that the current proposal for re-routing a section of the road will not easily facilitate these groups of people to park their cars and unload heavy fishing or other sporting equipment, wheelchairs, and the paraphernalia that usually accompanies small children visiting the beach, close to the actual beach area. At the moment, it is possible to park right next to the Promenade.

There is also the adverse impact on the other important local and national amenity that is the Royal Military Canal. As I understand it, the new section of the route will pass as close as 13.5 metres to the Canal. It is difficult to imagine the visual impact of a new road almost alongside the beautiful and relatively wild canal bank.

I walk along the Canal and the seafront to enjoy the peace and quiet and to spend time in a natural environment. Recently, I walked along the section of the Canal path which is going to be directly affected by the proposed re-routing of the road. I spoke to a number of people that day and the vast majority of them were outraged by the harm that would be caused to the amenity of the Canal by the new road. The affected section of the Canal is the only 'wild' area within Hythe itself and has been a very important habitat for wildlife, including the badgers.

I also spoke to a small group of children and parents who were enjoying the play equipment at the eastern end of Princes Parade. The children were adamant that they wanted 'their' Canal to stay as it is so that they could enjoy it safely. If you look at the website of Seabrook Church of England Primary School under the heading 'PE and Sport Premium', you will see that the children take part in PE lessons which often include a mile run along the Canal Bank. The front of the School faces onto the busy A259 and I am sure that all the children have benefitted from being able to run along the quiet section of the Canal behind their School.

Kind regards,

Jackie Bond

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]