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To: Programme Officer <Programme.Officer@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk>
Subject: Inquiry statement in relation to Prince Parade

Dear Caroline,

I represent Seabrook Church of England Primary School and wish to raise a few concerns regarding the proposed reconfiguration of the road as part of the Princes Parade development. As a school we wish to remain neutral in regard to the political views surrounding the appropriateness of this development and the potential benefits or impact to the local community and area.

However, as a school we feel we should put on record our concerns about the following:

(a) While the road is temporarily closed to redevelopment, the increase in traffic on Seabrook Road will undoubtedly increase the risk to the safety of our pupils and their families. Seabrook School is located very close to the termination of the seafront road and it is already a pinch point for traffic. Seabrook Road itself narrows around this point and has a number of vehicles that park on both sides of the road. This already causes significant congestion, especially around drop off and pick up times. The increase in traffic caused by the temporary closure of this road will only make this situation worse. In addition to this there will undoubtedly be numerous trade vehicles parking along Seabrook Road during the development stage. Our school exits directly on to Seabrook Road and therefore many families already have to cross this busy road at a number of less than ideal positions. The additional traffic and congestion that this road closure will cause is, as a result, of particular concern to us.

(b) A causal effect of the road being temporarily closed during redevelopment is the immediate reduction in available parking in the area. Currently many of our families park in Princes Parade car park located opposite the garage or use the Sea Point car park along the seafront road which currently is home to the Sea Point Centre and a recreational park. In addition to this, a number of people visiting or working in the area park along the seafront road itself, closing this road will mean that all of these vehicles will end up along Seabrook Road, directly surrounding and impacting our school. The consequence of this will be a reduction in the ability for our families to park close to our school and this will undoubtedly lead to an increase in unsafe parking around our school, as there will be very few other options.

(c) Once the road has been relocated and the Princes Parade development is complete, the reduction in available safe car parking surrounding our school will be ongoing as both the current car parks (mentioned above) will no longer be available. The proposed new car parking areas are no longer located around our school site and the current proposed parking spaces seem to be less than is currently available.

(d) The impact on the air and noise quality around the school resulting from the increase in traffic and closer proximity of the road, both during construction and after the redevelopment. As a primary school we have very young and vulnerable children

who potentially would be adversely affected by a reduction in air quality and an increase in noise pollution. The school already sits along Seabrook Road to the front, however most of our classrooms face to the back which has the currently tranquil and peaceful Royal Military Canal and scrub land as a backdrop. Relocating the Princes Parade road to run alongside the canal will effectively mean that the school will be sandwiched in between two busy roads.

I wish to thank you for listening to the concerns our school has regarding the proposed reconfiguration of Princes Parade road.

kind regards

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