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Subject: Dear Councilors

Dear Councilors NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

I would like to protest against the re-routing of Princes Parade on the following grounds:

- 1) Severe disruption to traffic between Folkestone and Hythe. Most traffic would take the less involved route as a matter of course. With the influx from round the Fountain pub. the commercial section would quickly become overloaded, exacerbated when the flooding occurs
- 2) Destruction of natural habitat, which does not only include the actual animals on the route, but also the birds that visit on a regular basis, and birds are creatures of habit.
- 3) Downgrading of Folkestone and Hythe as a destination for tourists and visitors, with a consequential loss to the Hospitality industry.

Folkestone and Hythe is considerably enriched by the juxtaposition of the Seaside and natural habitats and parks. I cannot think of any seaside resort in the South East of England that can compare. The Warren and its beach, Lower Leas Country Park and Mermaid Beach and, of course, Princes Parade are prime examples of the natural delights on offer. Whilst visitor numbers increased after the end of lockdown, I chatted to many visitors and they all concurred that this was among the main attractions of the area.

4_ Loss of revenue from parking fees leading to an inevitable rise in Council Tax/

- 4) Unreliability of the contractors, who have already downgraded the community swimming pool. They are unlikely to stick to the letter of the plan and may divert Princes Parade to where they might find it convenient to them

As a matter of interest has a bond been posted to cover any deviations from the proposed plans? Especially when we see the lack of progress on other areas such as the running track!

- 5) Unnecessary to spoil the enjoyment of Princes Parade, when access could easily be from Seabrook Road at one of the unmade roads.

I have lived in the area for over 40 years, enjoying what Folkestone has to offer, even compared to San Francisco and Vancouver, where I also lived at times, I brought up my children here in such a family-oriented environment. I am now 80 and find it dispiriting that my final years will be somewhat spoiled by not being able to drive, or be driven, past the beaches and habitat of Princes Parade.

Yours sincerely

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