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Subject: Regarding Coastal Road

Dear Caroline,

Thank you for providing us with an email address to write to and for taking the time to read.

It seems inconceivable that anyone driving along Princes Parade would not appreciate that singularly revitalising coastal road. The spaciousness should be seen as an asset not something to dismiss and in doing so, destroy.

However since the development is probably going ahead closing the road or diverting traffic should only ever be a temporary measure. It would be a terrible shame to view that as an end result.

We drive along that road almost daily since different members of our family live in both Folkestone and Hythe. We have as yet never found a problem with anyone speeding and indeed cannot recall a time when we were in any way recklessly overtaken. For the council or anyone to view that as a reason to close or divert the road long term is quite clearly a deviation, perhaps due to the road inconveniencing the development plan in some way or other.

Were it really a question of speed there would have been a number of ways to address it. A clear indicator of how road safety is simply not the issue at all is how the potholes have been allowed to multiply and worsen over several years making it crystal clear that the agenda has always been to not bother with proper repairs since the development plan would be intent on diverting the road anyway.

Considering how disheartening it has all proved to be with the council dismissing all inherently justifiable objections regarding some if not all parts of the development, it would perhaps be in its interest to consider saving that stretch of road; keeping its course just the way it is and focusing instead on improving its condition.

Many might see this as a significant sign of respect, a well-intentioned compromise.

For so many who see the beauty of the expanse and cherish the unique uplifting coastal experience and also for those who presently have an unobscured view of the sea, a small compromise such as this would go a long way, perhaps even prove instrumental in abating the current palpable dejection.

It might make everyone feel, whether for the development or against, that their voice actually matters.

Thank you for your kind attention,

Best wishes,

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