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Dear Ms Williams,

I would be grateful if this letter could be given to the Inspector for the Public Enquiry

NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254 - STOPPING UP OF PRINCES PARADE – PUBLIC ENQUIRY

Dear Mr O S Woodward BA (Hons) MA MRTPI,

As a swimming teacher of many years at Hythe Pool, both for council lessons and as a volunteer for Hythe Aqua, I writing to express my support for the plans to move the road Princes Parade to allow for the Promenade to be developed.

I feel this will provide a lovely safe area for families, both local and tourists to walk, cycle, run or just stroll taking in the sea views knowing that is a safe and peaceful environment. In my opinion it will be a vast improvement to the current situation where cars drive far too fast along Princes Parade making it an unsafe place to cross the road for adults, children alike.

It has become a short cut to avoid the speed camera on the A259 and the knockon effect is that Twiss Road and South Road have become a short cut as well and far too busy with speeds often over 40 to 50mph. This new area with the new pool and an information centre about the Royal Military Canal will bring tourists to the area and thus trade to a high street that has seen a decline in recent years.

As a council taxpayer living in in New Romney, whose closest pool is Hythe Swimming Pool I am becoming increasingly frustrated that over many years sites and plans have been squashed by objectors stopping the proposed developments. Losing the Government and Sport England of over £10 million pounds and more was disgusting and embarrassing. This would appear to be the last chance to get a new pool to replace the ancient and dying Hythe Pool and to provide a new and exciting leisure centre, playgrounds, café and safe recreational area for families and residents to enjoy.

I hope the public enquiry is not swayed by the objectors and when supporters such as myself have made comments supporting the council plans, we have been subjected to some horrific online abuse. My view is that many council taxpayers throughout the district support the development and maybe they should be asked for their views more directly. It is not just about Hythe resident views because as a council taxpayer living in New Romney, I want the new development including the stopping up of Princes Parade.

I look forward to receiving positive news on this aspect.

Kim Walker