

To: NATIONALCASEWORK Subject: NATRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear Mr Woodwards

Princes Parade

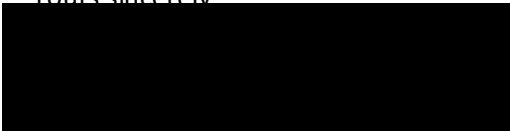
I am totally in favour of the stopping up of part of Princes Parade to allow for the construction of a new Swimming Pool and housing, including affordable housing.

The stopping-up of the road will give more than a kilometre of widened public promenade for walking, cycling, running and sitting. A major advantage will be to reduce speeding along the promenade which is often used as a 'rat race' and frequently motor bikes and cars can be seen roaring down the very straight road. It will also give access to small-scale commercial uses including a café, restaurant and a boutique hotel to expand the range of services at the seafront and bring economic activity to the site.

The promenade and beach will remain open to the public throughout – even during the construction - the stopping-up will only be undertaken on the completion of the newly constructed road, therefore there will be no inconvenience to existing users and there will be no interruption to traffic flow on the A259. It will inject much-needed vitality to what seems a very long and boring promenade, with no 'destination' at its eastern end and give it a sense of place.

In summary, I believe it will optimise the development of an underused site at a sustainable location by creating a substantial vehicle free, southfacing seafront promenade for the enjoyment of residents and visitors – which will be really great for wheelchair users and pedestrians alike. It will safeguard the site's key ecological features and introduce new habitat to encourage native species to flourish and it will give greater visibility to the Royal Military Canal, which can only be an advantage.

Yours sincerely



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