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Dear DfT and F&HDC,

I am writing to **CONFIRM** my **OBJECTIONS** to the Princes Parade Stopping Up Order (NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254).

Contrary to the claims of F&HDC and their solicitors, Buckles, none of my objections have been addressed.

I further take exception to the way this consultation has been handled by the council and its employment of a firm of solicitors to attempt categorise and then debunk the genuine objections of hundreds of respondents to the consultation. The 23 page Buckles report is a patronising “*argument from authority*” which is framed to undermine all objections rather than address them.

It claims that the “*necessity test*” has been passed and disregards the fact that this consultation started before the council granted itself planning permission for the development. The aims of the development - ie to build a leisure centre on the land - could be met without stopping up and re-directing the road. The “*merits test*” is more subjective and the council simply doesn’t address or even accept the validity of my arguments nor those of *hundreds* of objectors while thanking the *four* who supported it in the consultation.

Historic England is concerned about surface water draining into the canal and may withhold Scheduled Monument Consent for any potentially damaging work close to the canal bank, the Environment Agency regards the drainage strategy as “just about viable” and the plans show the road as close as 13.52m from the canal bank as opposed the supposed minimum of 25m and it will be several metres above the canal.

I repeat from my objection letter: “**It would permanently adversely affect the heritage value, the leisure amenity, the ecology and the visual aspect of this important area**”.

Yours,

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