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Sent: 05 June 2021 12:26
To: Princes.Parade@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk
Cc: NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Stopping up Order - Princes Parade

Dear Mr Madden,

I do not feel that my objections to the re-routing of Princes Parade have been properly addressed and I therefore wish my objections to stand.

I note that the 'Response to the statutory consultation' document refers in para 7.9 to the fact that outline planning consent covers all aspects of the development, including the new promenade etc and thus necessitates the re-routing of Princes Parade if the work is to be completed as per the consent. If this is the case, surely this fact alone renders the consultation pointless and a complete waste of public money for which the Council is surely accountable.

In my view the public must have every right to comment on this aspect of the development and for changes to be made accordingly.

1. The stopping-up is unnecessary as the 'whole' development could still be completed without it. Princes Parade should remain in place as it is but if there is no leeway within the planning consent for changes, then it should be converted to a shared space for pedestrians, cars and cyclists by employing traffic calming measures as are in use in nearby Ashford. Princes Parade is an historic thoroughfare and a part of Hythe's rich history which should not be lost.
2. The suggestion is that there will be a limited effect on seafront parking. This would be true were the figures produced by consultants MLM an accurate reflection of the current situation. They are not. In advance of MLM's survey, the District Council imposed parking charges along the length of Princes Parade which led to a mass exodus of local people in protest. Prior to that, every space along Princes Parade was occupied. Now locals and visitors are returning to Princes Parade to park so the survey figures cannot be relied upon. It is debatable whether all the parking bays mentioned will be available for use by the visiting public. The effect on available parking will be significant.
3. The comments in para 7.28 are nonsense. They take no account of how the position of the re-routed of Princes Parade will relate directly to the canal. It is difficult to ascertain levels in the planning application that I can see, but I understand that the new road will - because of flood-plain considerations - be much higher than the current ground level and will therefore necessarily stand above the towpath to unpleasant, unattractive and detrimental effect on the setting of this ancient monument.
4. Unfortunately, the Council has failed to look ahead. When 10,000 new houses are built just west of Hythe in the next few years the traffic in Seabrook Road will increase significantly. This traffic would have been shared with Princes Parade but, realistically, re-routing the road is likely to preclude this. This will be felt particularly during the summer months and is a key reason why Princes Parade should be retained

Yours sincerely,

Sally Chesters

Original Message -----

From: Princes.Parade@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk
To: Princes.Parade@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk
Sent: Monday, 10 May, 21 At 11:35 AM
Subject: Stopping up Order - Princes Parade

Dear Sir/Madam

Reference: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254 – Princes Parade Stopping Up Order

Why we're contacting you

We're contacting you because you responded to the statutory consultation regarding the stopping up and diversion of the highway known as Princes Parade. This consultation ended on 7 June 2018. Since then, the development has been subject to a judicial review which was finally dismissed on 29 November 2019. This means that we can move forward and consider the responses to the consultation on the stopping up order.

Your objection has been carefully reviewed and considered by the council along with the other objections received. A report has been produced by Buckles Solicitors setting out the key themes of the objection to and the council's response to the objections. The full report can be found on the council's website at <https://folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/princesparadetimeline>.

The report sets out the objections received against the legal tests such as the merits and the necessity tests for a stopping up order. Please see the report for full explanations of the legal tests and considerations for stopping up order. If you have difficulty accessing the website or require a copy of the document to be sent separately to you please let us know by emailing princesparade@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk.

You will note in the report, the objections have been categorised into 10 themes. The theme(s) relevant to your specific objection and the corresponding response is/are shown in pages 13-20 of the report.

What happens next?

The report reviews and addresses the objections received, against the legal tests for stopping up order. If you feel your objection has been adequately addressed, you can withdraw your objection by writing to us at the following email address: princesparade@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

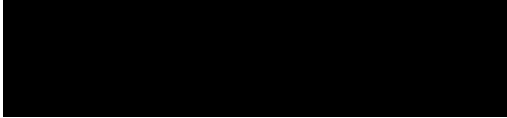
Any responses will need to be made by 4pm Monday 7 June 2021.

If you feel that your objection has not been addressed adequately you may either notify us that you wish your objection to remain in place or, if you do not respond, **it will be assumed you do not wish to withdraw your objection**. Please note that any communication must be in relation to the original objection made and new objections

can no longer be submitted. Any objections must also only relate to the stopping up order for the road and not to do with any wider issues of the development.

If you choose to respond, please copy in the case officer at the Department for Transport quoting the above reference number and email it to nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,



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