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Good morning

I am writing in regard to the public enquiry into the proposed stopping up of the road along Princes Parade.

I am strongly opposed to this on many grounds. Firstly because of the impact on the already overloaded local infrastructure. Access to the development would mean either more traffic on the already loaded A259, or via Twiss Road or Stade Street/South Road in Hythe. Traffic calming measures are already in place on South Road....and an unobserved 20mph speed limit in Stade Street. These last two roads always have cars parked on both sides of the road....access is already difficult, and the road always busy with visitors to the doctors surgery - no parking there - the library and Age UK, the centre of the Community Hub, and Meals on Wheels. Twiss Road, and its side roads, are full in the summer with visitors avoiding the parking charge on the seafront. With reduced parking spaces available this cannot improve. I ask with a lot of feeling that the site inspection is extended to cover all these access roads. Us residents have a right to decent levels of noise and air pollution...don't we??

And then, the new siting of the new road. Why?? I understand the proposal is that it runs adjacent to our grand monument, the Royal Military Canal, for 500m. And it will be 3m above the height of the existing path, separated by a wall. Not exactly tranquil. I don't know enough about the existing wildlife to comment on its impact there, but it takes no great imagination to envisage the noise, the smells polluting our once beautiful setting.

I feel there would have to be a fantastically great justification for destroying so much of the environment and affecting the lives of residents, human and otherwise. The brave decision to develop the site has been made.....rising sea-levels anyone?....but SO much destruction? Perhaps the new residents of the development, given the chance, would also appreciate the beauty of the canal walks as we already do. Maybe even added value there...?

I ask that all these points are considered, prior to any recommendation. So easy to destroy...and this unique setting is such a gift to us all.

Kind regards

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