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For the attention of programme officer, Caroline Williams and Neil Crass, case worker, at DFT.

Morning.

I would like to OBJECT most strongly, to the stopping up (moving) of the Princes Parade road, for the following reasons.

We have lived in Seabrook for over 30 years and use Princes Parade on a daily basis, either jogging every morning or just for a walk. We therefore have, i think, a unique insight into the reality and hard facts, supporting the virtues of keeping the Princes Parade road as it is, something sadly lacking by a council that wilfully ignores public opinion and comments on facilities and subjects they neither use or know anything about!

First.

The council say it, "will improve access to the beach", how absurd. The road runs along the side of the beach, couldn't be any easier!! 100% accessible. Moving the road to the canal bank destroys access not improves it. Typical bonkers thinking from a council that waisted 10s of thousands of pounds, putting parking meters on the wrong side of Princes Parade, making the public cross, what is a busy road, to get a ticket and cross back again, brilliant idea!!

Second.

The promenade is wide enough already, plenty of space for all and the bonus is that the road is there also, making it easy, to park up and enjoy, (BEST OF ALL WORLDS) Princes Parade's views etc. from the comfort of your own vehicle, if indeed you cannot walk, cycle, run. Plenty of visitors just park and chill out, old and young. It's a unique road. Not to our council of course, obviously, or the majority i should say.

With a mental health crisis upon us, what can be more rewarding and revitalising, than just pulling up easily on Princes Parade and taking it all in. Looking at the backs of 4 storey houses, with very limited parking doesn't cut it, as they say.

It's vital we keep this road.

Third.

The fact this is a busy road, especially in summer, indicates the amount of traffic that would be pushed onto the already busy Seabrook road, (past the school, etc.) few people would want to use Princes Parade, nothing to see now, apart from a housing estate.

Splitting traffic, halves the congestion, makes sense.

Fourth.

The road is so enjoyable, all year round as a compliment to the the beautiful area that is Princes Parade.

Moving it to the canal bank would not only deprive everyone of the undoubted advantages of where it is now but destroy the setting of the Royal Military Canal, as a tranquil, peaceful, thoughtfully lovely place to enjoy, a fact lost on certain councillors who steadfastly refuse to, "have a walk" and see exactly what they intend to destroy.

So moving the road would have a DOUBLE detrimental effect, on what we have now and in the future.

Fifth.

It simply doesn't need to be moved, in order for the council to build their development and it is entirely their development, public opinion is overwhelmingly against it, seems to count for nothing though.

Sixth.

It is very disingenuous of this council to not mention the proposed moving of the Princes Parade road and indeed the 150 houses, when referring to the swimming pool and more open green spaces, thus again, denying the public of the full facts.

Sounds all very lovely and cosy, swimming pool, green spaces, mention the moving of the road and 4 storey housing and it's a different matter entirely, the word horrified is used a lot.

Seventh.

Environmentally, it's a disaster. All sorts of pollutants heading into the canal, as council plans stand, from the road traffic, don't forget they'll be 150 more houses, with car movements to boot. Not to mention noise pollution on nearby swan nests, etc, now so close to the road. The wildlife will be traumatised at what our councillors think is a GOOD IDEA. The badgers might as well call it a day, corralled into a far smaller area to the west, against their will (the council can do anything) and now in very close proximity to the re-routed road, within feet actually. Things sadly could get messy, not the badgers fault, the councillors, who don't care or listen. DON'T MOVE THE ROAD!!!!

Moving of the road is totally unacceptable and unnecessary, only supported by councillors who have a very narrow opinion of an area they have never or seldom been too, such staggering hypocrisy. Enjoyed by visitors from afar as well as the local population, moving of the road would be tragic.

It was opened by the Prince of Wales back in the 19th century, hence the name and now the council want to re-route it and call it a street, 'bout sums them up, absolutely no understanding or empathy with the vast amount of opposition this project has.

Various petitions, with thousands of signatures, ignored by this council, who think, IT'S A GOD IDEA, to move this absolute iconic and genuinely unique special road, enjoyed at the moment by everyone, such an asset for leisure and general wellbeing. Moving it to allow access for a housing estate would deny everyone it's particular charms and value. So sad and almost criminal.

Eighth

One lovely anecdote, even the small dividing wall between the ample promenade and the Princes Parade road, has it's unsung advantages and uses, as a table!! Many camper vans open their sliding doors alongside it and have lunch or what they fancy, on it. Cars also use it to rest small tripods on it and look out to sea. Parents use it, to dry their children, while sitting on it. So very handy, all that would be lost. Just because something has been around for a

while, doesn't mean it's got to go!! It's worthy of it's place in our daily pursuit of happiness and it's only a wall, wow.

Ninth

So many parking spaces would be lost. This council thinks people will walk or cycle to the beech, denying the existence of cars, weird, soon to be mostly electric.

Often on a sunny weekend, the whole of Princes Parade is taken up by parked cars it's entire full length and an absolute joy to see everyone enjoying all sorts, paddle boarding, family day out, canoeing, bbqing, swimming, because they have easy parking and access. All that would go, instead, driving along a diverted road/street, through a housing estate, looking for, now, limited parking and then having to carry all your kit to the beech.

Easier if you can just pull up along side a!! 😊

Please please, don't divert Princes Parade.

It's such an asset the way it is, for all visitors and locals alike. It's served us well for over a hundred years and seen countless generations enjoy all of it's lovelyness! How wrong to take all that away, because a few narrow minded councillors want to move it, to create a housing estate.

We can do so much better than that.

Don't forget we live here and know of it's benefits first hand, especially also to the emergency sevicees, so handy to avoid all sorts of congestion on the Seabrook road, have seen that on many occasions.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO OUR PASSIONATE PLEA, TO LEAVE THE FAMOUS, THE MAGNIFICENT, PRINCES PARADE AS IT IS, AN ASSET TO ALL.

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