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Subject: Re: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254 or DPI L2250 21 22 SUOH - Princes Parade, Folkestone, CT21 6AQ - Pre-Inquiry Meeting Letter from Inspector

Dear Ms Williams,

I would be grateful if you could send my objection to the stopping up of Princes Parade on to the inspector and the council.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing regarding the proposed closure of Princes Parade road which runs alongside the sea between Seabrook and Hythe.

The confirmation by the ill-led Folkestone Council to close this road to allow the proposed building of upmarket housing and a sports centre on the land behind the road, giving direct access to the beach, is unacceptable. Within the last few years, parking meters have been installed on this stretch of road, presumably at taxpayers' expense, and they will now be redundant - what a waste of money. How can a small minority of councillors overcome the wishes of the thousands in the local community who oppose it?

This will be a great blow to the larger than average population of elderly residents in the area - many of whom park along this road to gain direct access to the promenade. Even those with blue badges will be unable to get to the beach easily, and people without a badge but who have difficulty walking will find it impossible.

I very much hope that the government body to whom this appeal is going will overturn the decision of FHDC to close the road. We are constantly being told that the government wishes to protect the environment but this road closure surely contravenes this, as it involves destruction of wildlife area and re-routing of the road even closer to the canal, which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and currently a haven for wildlife. Its banks will now be tarmacked over to make way for the new road.

Yours faithfully,

Shane Fraser