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Subject: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear Sir,

I made an objection to the previous consultation and wish to firmly reiterate my objection number 101 on so many grounds. It is impossible to single out one reason and in fact it is impossible to comment without mentioning the actual proposed development of Princes Parade, even though we are supposed to limit comments to just the road, or the change of right of passage, as was defined at the pre Inquiry meeting, although I see Councillor Wimble has commented on the development and called protesters bullies, NIMBYS and Anti-PP Brigade. (there is history, he was against the development until given a Cabinet post to side with Mr Monk)

The planning application page on the Councils website has 576 files. I don't have enough years left to me to read them.

On the original (165) consultation objections which closed in 2018 I have just read number 151 (3) which highlights so many reasons for the objections. I hope that the Inspector takes the time to get a flavour of the area even though it is the issue of the road which is being considered.

I would like to draw attention to a response to Jim Martin by Neil Trass where he states **"The Secretary of States role in the matter is considering the impact closure of a Highway would have on users and to take a decision which determines where the ultimate public interest may lie."**

IMPACT

Bearing in mind the number of objections, I believe it is abundantly clear that peoples lives will be severely affected by stopping up and diverting the road.

My parents who have both died in the past 5 years were both Disabled, had Blue badges and delighted in being taken to Princes Parade to sit, look at the sea, have an ice cream and watch the world go by without having to exit the car. Sitting in a car park does not have the same beneficial experience. My husband is also a Blue Badge holder and we visit Princes Parade often to walk as far as he is able, which varies greatly. At the present time he is able to walk along the canal path and we both particularly enjoy the peace and quiet which will be lost with a road above us and projected to be too close to the canal.

At the pre Inquiry meeting I asked if the emergency services had been invited to speak. At the present time, Princes Parade is a straight road and makes access to the beach very easy. Many times the Police, Ambulance and Coastguard have attended incidents there for medical incidents on the beach and recently Police and Coastguard have been there for Immigrant watch or collection. Thankfully being a straight road there have been very few Road Traffic Collisions as records can show. The road is used greatly by people living on the South side of Hythe to avoid Seabrook Road which has bottlenecks, and is too busy. Without easy access to the present road, drivers will use Seabrook Road and then have to traverse Twiss Road, Stade Street or St Leonards Road to access their homes. All of those roads have become jammed up with cars as people do not want to pay on Princes Parade.

The traffic surveys used by the Council were very much out of date.

Around two months ago a car overturned on the Seabrook Road and the diversion was miles, up to the A20 and then down into Hythe. Car drivers knowing the area used Princes Parade. This week traffic is being diverted along Princes Parade as the A259 was blocked at the petrol station. The buses diverted along there too. I do not see a new residential road, probably with traffic calming and dangerous bends and a slope at the end being suitable for a traffic diversion when Seabrook Road is closed for repairs or collisions.

Historic

The historic setting will be greatly undermined.

I fully understand that this Inquiry deals with right of passage but I believe it cannot be right to make a decision without having details of the construction, materials used, height, width, and aesthetic image of a new road.

My view is that the scheme fails on merit and necessity and ultimately not in the public interest. I will be speaking at the Inquiry.

Thank you, Mrs M G Wheeler