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**Subject:** NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear Sirs

I would like to OBJECT to the stopping up and diversion of the road at Princes Parade, Hythe.

I strongly oppose the development at the site. However even if planning permission for the housing and leisure centre were to be granted I can't see that there would be any need to stop up the existing road and divert it.

I also think there would be a number of serious disadvantages to doing so:

It would restrict access to the beach for many members of the public who currently use it - the elderly, disabled and those with young children in particular but also those with heavy equipment they might wish to take onto the beach eg fishing equipment, kayaks. Has an equality impact assessment been carried out?

If the road is diverted towards the canal it will disturb the tranquillity there and have a negative impact on the wildlife. I note that the canal is a Local Wildlife Site.

The road along Princes Parade is currently used as an alternative to the A259. This would have the effect of increasing traffic on the A259. In the event that the A259 was blocked for any reason, the new road would be less able to cope with the diverted traffic and diverting the traffic along what would be a residential road would not be ideal.

I have already requested that the Secretary of State calls in the planning application should the District council grant themselves planning permission. I would now request that he also considered the stopping up of the road at the same time.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Kind regards

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