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

Dear Sirs

I believe that this development is unacceptable and creates significant harm, but if the development were to be granted planning permission there is no overriding need to move the road as the proposed buildings could be served from the existing road. It is therefore not necessary for it to be stopped up and realigned for this development to take place.

b) I would respectfully request that the Secretary of State consider the stopping order at the same time as the planning application so that he may see the full picture. Some guidance we have read suggests that as well as a necessity test, a merits test could be applied as well:

*I quote "In the exercise of that discretion the relevant authority is obliged to take into account any significant disadvantages or losses flowing directly from the stopping up order which have been raised, either for the public generally or for those individuals whose actionable rights of access would be extinguished by the order. In such a case they must also take into account any countervailing advantages to the public or those individuals, along with the planning benefits of, and the degree of importance attaching to, the development. They must then decide whether any such disadvantages or losses are of such significance or seriousness that they should refuse to make the order"*

I further believe that the closure of the road would have an adverse effect on the canal and effect traffic on other roads etc

Having spent so much of local people's money installing parking meters, I think this road closure notice demonstrates the lack of financial planning, coordination and planning which the Council apply to their project.

Yours sincerely

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