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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal to move Princes Parade as part of the Princes Parade development.

The entire development is unacceptable and does and creates significant harm to the entire area.

In the unfortunate event that the development does go ahead, there is no need for it to be moved: there is an existing road - Princes Parade - that could be used to access the proposed building. It is therefore not necessary for it to be stopped up and realigned for this development to take place.

I therefore ask that the stopping up order to be considered by the Secretary of State at the same time as the planning application so that he may see the full picture.

I have already commented on the impact that this would have when setting out my objections to the development, as I do not believe that the impact on residents and traffic circulation has been properly evaluated.

There is a considerable amount of residential housing on the land between the canal and the sea. The number of residents in this section is increasing steadily with developments such as the housing behind the Imperial Hotel and the Fisherman's Beach development. However, there are a limited number of access/egress routes across the canal onto the main road (A259), especially for traffic heading towards Sandgate and Folkestone. At present, Princes Parade is the most direct route if one wishes to avoid the already clogged and hazardous Stade Street or Twiss Road junctions. Added to which, Princes Parade is a road that actually makes you feel glad to be alive, whichever direction you are driving along it. By diverting the road and sending it behind the new proposed apartment blocks, it will make it a completely unviable option for people wishing to drive to/from Folkestone. The extra traffic at the other junctions onto the A259 and increased traffic on the Hythe to Seabrook section will serve only to slow all traffic and increase the risk of accidents.

I cannot see why is it necessary to move the road, other than maybe make the apartments more attractive to purchasers. There is currently a footpath on both sides of Princes Parade and a wide promenade adjacent to the sea, which is more than wide enough for walkers, cyclist and runners - as anyone using it on a sunny Sunday afternoon will testify.

Yours sincerely

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