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To: NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: PRINCES PARADE, HYTHE - REF - NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear Sirs, i wish to object to the stopping up order for Princes Parade Hythe for the reasons below:

The stopping up order is in advance of a planning application by Folkestone Hythe and District Council to be determined by Folkestone Hythe and District Council. This in itself makes a mockery of the planning system and determination is likely to ignore 600+ planning objections to redevelopment of the site currently shown on the Planning Portal.

It is not necessary for the development. The planning application will cause more harm than the benefits the scheme will bring as there are several other sites which have been identified as being suitable for a Leisure Centre including rebuilding on the existing site. More than adequate number of housing sites have been identified in its Places and Policies Document and Core Strategy.

Historic England have argued time and again on this and previous planning applications, that the setting of the Scheduled Ancient Monument, The Royal Military Canal, should not be altered. Not only will the Planning Application for 150 houses and a Leisure Centre alter this setting forever, the stopping up of the road to allow for a new road to be built closer to the Canal will also prove disastrous for the historic setting, the biodiversity and natural habitat for many species (refer to Kent Wildlife's and Historic England's comments to this application).

In stopping up and diverting access this may impact on the measures imposed by the Environment Agency as essential Flood Defences

There is no overriding need to move the road as should the planning permission be granted, 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.

If it is deemed that the planning application is to be determined by the Secretary of State, then this stopping up order should be considered at that time due to the historical nature of the site

We would also urge you to consider the health and leisure benefits that will be lost in stopping up this road; by limiting access to a considerably large area of beach front. The district council have already attempted to lesson use of the road by installation of parking metres, and I believe a necessity and merits test should be applied here.

Quite frankly, there are no benefits and significant losses both with loss to residents and visitors, nature and biodiversity and the historic setting of the Royal Military Canal. These disadvantages and losses are of such significance and seriousness that the order should be refused

Yours

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