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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to voice my objection to the current stopping road proposal for Hythe Princes Parade which has opened today for consultation.

This development is unacceptable and will create significant harm to the local area and environment where this is recognised locally and nationally with Kent Wildlife Trust and Historic England as examples. If the development were to be granted there is no overriding need to move the road as the proposed buildings could be served from the existing road.

Can you please consider this stopping order in conjunction with the current planning application in order to allow you to understand the bigger, complete picture which would confirm the existing road validation.

It is also my understanding that as well as a necessity test a merits test could be applied as well:

"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"

The local council have recently spent a significant sum of local tax payers money in introducing parking meters and controls all along the existing road much to the dismay of a large number of people and at a significant loss due to having to move them again following the initial installation - I cant see the need for this when they've already invested in the current one.

The closure of the road will push more traffic on to an existing main road that is under severe pressure as it is and is continually being worked on due to various utilities carrying out main changes - unless they're also planning to suspend this as well - a main road could also suffer and delay people travelling at peak periods. We'll have jams all over the area with the knock on effects on noise and air pollution. In addition the stopped road runs through a beautiful area full of wildlife and rich in fauna which is a joy to behold and to walk through - a majestic green space in an ever increasing concrete thoroughfare - it needs protected.

Many thanks,

Alexander McConnell