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Draft Plan reference NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

I strongly OBJECT to this proposal to stop up Princes Parade in Hythe, Kent, and to divert the road to run between the new housing development proposed by FHDC and the Royal Military Canal.

There is ample space between the southern boundary of the proposed development site and the seafront to allow this road to remain exactly as it is. Leaving the road open would:

1. allow vehicles to continue to access parking on the entire seafront and so aid in bringing visitors and therefore income to the town;
2. prevent this diverted road being used solely by through traffic avoiding the heavy traffic on the Sandgate Road, since there will no longer be access to the sea that there currently is along Princes Parade, ie become a rat-run;
3. prevent the inevitable and lasting damage to the wildlife and ecology along this beautiful, quiet stretch of the Royal Military Canal which would be caused by the proximity of the diverted road;
4. prevent a reduction in the number of local people and visitors alike enjoying the use of this unique amenity of the canal-side because of the close proximity of the diverted road resulting in increased noise and pollution from the traffic.

The seafront along Princes Parade is already 'shared' by pedestrians and those on bikes, skates, scooters, mobility vehicles, and by dog walkers, so there seems little advantage in making it wider over this distance, particularly when the cost - both financial and ecological - is so very high.

Regards
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