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

Dear Madam/ Sir,

Please negate the above stopping order issued by Hythe and Folkestone District Council (formerly Shepway District Council). HFDC is engaged in a struggle with both communities on the redevelopment of the Military Canal at Hythe which will irremediably annihilate this unique area of natural beauty, historic value and cultural heritage. HFDC has received 500 (!) residents' comments opposing the redevelopment on its "consultation" website, as well as being fiercely opposed by HM Government Inspector, Historic England, Kent County Council and Sport England. The Military Canal has Green Flag Status and HFDC has simply trampled over NPPF objectives.

This is an issue of national importance as the Military Canal is UNIQUE in the UK and a Repository of Collective Memory. At a time when planners finally understand the mistakes made by building the A303 within a stone throw of Stonehenge - and now correcting it at great cost - HFDC is pursuing a greedy avenue which will undo all the lessons learned these past decades and only profit the developers of the site. All of the residents of Folkestone/ Hythe and the overwhelming majority of UK citizens will lose now, and in the future.

As a resident of Folkestone, Prince's Parade is THE REASON I have relocated to Kent. If you happen to visit, you will be overwhelmed, just as the Government Inspector was, by the beauty, the peace and the historical value of the area. The fact that it survived untouched to this day is a miracle upon itself. Other parts of Folkestone have been ruined by HFDC which allowed monstrous construction to take place in the 70s and 80s, most of which is now in very poor condition. Prince's Parade has become the "green lung" of the District, in use by HUNDREDS of residents every day, a number which will only increase as 7.000 (!) new homes are being built in the area as we speak. The stopping order - by redirecting the road along the canal - would deprive all of us of our sanctuary of peace and recreation and destroy the astounding biodiversity of the sanctuary.

I urge you to negate the stopping order until the Secretary of State has had the chance to study the full planning application and understand its folly. If you are not willing to do so, you play in the hands of HFDC. HFDC will then argue that, as the sanctuary has already been destroyed by the new road running through the heart of the sanctuary as a consequence of the stopping order, there is no reason left NOT to destroy the rest of historical sanctuary altogether. This argument is cynical, as all moves by HFDC regarding Prince's Parade are, and the MORE SO as there is NO REASON WHATSOEVER for the stopping order: the double-carriage coast road might temporarily be made one-way only to further the ruinous plans of HFDC until it is definitely stopped in its tracks. The recent investment in park-meters all along the coast road - which started operating only 2 weeks ago - will be lost, but so will it be if the stopping order is granted. Such is the folly of HFDC planning department which squanders public funds at will.

At your disposal for any further information you might require.

Yours Truly

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