To Whom it May Concern.

I would hereby like to let you know that as a resident of Shepway, I oppose the stopping of Princes Parade for the purpose of building a new highway a few metres further inland.

The current highway is running along the same stretch of cost and is in good repair and useable. It gives good access to the beach, making it easy to access the beach front by car, and getting water sports equipment into the sea would be harder if the highway was further inland.

The highway also serves as the location for several food businesses that my family frequents often. I feel that these vendors would face significant losses in income should the road be stopped, and then after it has been moved, seeing as they would no longer be able to serve from the road to passing pedestrians on the beach. Not being able to buy from the vendors while on the beach would make it less desirable for me to spend time there.

I addition to loss of access for local people and tourists, and loss of income for local businesses, I am also worried about the impact that building a new road over land that is natural at the moment will have on the environment. I am sure that the meadows behind Princess Parade and around the Military Canal are the habitat for many small mammals, birds and insects, and it saddens me that these animals should be disturbed by unnecessary building works and the removal of their territory.

I do not see the value of this development, I believe there is a perfectly serviceable road in place already, which could connect to the proposed new buildings. I do not believe that council money will be well spent by closing that road and building a new one that follows the same route very close by.

Please may I ask for 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?

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely yours,

Annika Bucceri