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**Sent:** 21 May 2018 12:48

**To:** NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Reference NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254 // PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT PRINCES PARADE, FOLKESTONE CT21 6AQ

Dear Sir/s – I wrote to you on 14 May 2018 in connection with the proposal by Kent County Council to stop up Princes Parade under Reference NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254.

I received a response stating that any objections to the proposed stopping up of Princes Parade must relate specifically to the road diversion, and not to the associated proposed planning permission application for development of the site at Princes Parade.

Thus I would like to clarify my objections to any stopping up of Princes Parade. This is unacceptable on the grounds that this would create significant harm to the local environment, including but not limited to:

- Moving the road would involve disturbance of landfill which includes heavy metals, asbestos, possible hospital waste and other hazardous waste; creating significant risk to human health, both local residents and site workers
- As above, disturbance of landfill to move the road also poses significant risk to animal health, both wildlife and domestic pets
- Significant damage to the Royal Military Canal, a scheduled ancient monument
- Closure of the existing road will limit or hamper ease of access to a much loved green open space and the adjacent stretch of coastline, i.e. effectively causing the loss of an important local leisure area.
- Added weight of traffic on other roads with associated increased air and noise pollution as a result of moving the existing road
- Finally, there is absolutely no requirement to move the road since any development which may be granted planning permission could still be effected perfectly well with the existing road left exactly where it currently is.

As stated previously, a decision to reject any plan to stop up Princes Parade would be welcomed.

Thanks and kind regards – Evelyn Markus

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**To:** 'nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk' <[nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Princes Parade - Reference NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear Sir/s – I write in connection with the proposal by Kent County Council to stop up Princes Parade under Reference NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254.

The development being proposed for Princes Parade is unacceptable as it creates significant harm to the local environment, including but not limited to:

- the proposed Princes Parade development site is on a flood plain, posing obvious risks to life and property;
- any development of the site would involve disturbance of landfill which, includes heavy metals, asbestos, possible hospital waste and other hazardous waste;
- any development will cause significant damage to the Royal Military Canal, a scheduled ancient monument, a view shared by Historic England.

Even should KCC grant planning permission for development to press ahead, there is no requirement whatsoever to move the road, as the proposed buildings could be perfectly adequately served from the existing road. Stopping up and realigning the existing Princes Parade is simply not necessary for this development to take place.

Note there has been long and strong opposition to any development of Princes Parade and closure of the existing road will make much loved green open space and the adjacent stretch of coastline significantly less accessible, i.e. loss of an important local leisure area. There will also be significant disturbance to wildlife habitat, irreversible damage to a scheduled ancient monument as above, significant risk of health hazard to local residents associated with disturbance of a landfill site known to contain toxic waste, added weight of traffic on other roads with associated increased air and noise pollution.

Please can the stopping up order be considered by the Secretary of State at the same time as the Princes Parade planning application to enable a holistic view of the proposed development on this site. A decision to reject any plan to stop up Princes Parade, and indeed any development of the site whatsoever, would be welcomed.

Thanks and kind regards – Evelyn Markus

