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Stopping up order for Princes Parade. My comments are as follows:

1. The stopping up application for the road Princes Parade is part of a proposed development that is currently applying for planning permission. I have objected to this because the development will destroy a beautiful natural area of Hythe that is enjoyed by thousands of people. The development is unacceptable and will cause significant harm to the environment and vistas. The change of road and new development would ruin the beautiful vistas that we all currently enjoy – it is an open space in a unique setting. The LVIA report states that there will be a considerable impact on this visual amenity and in the previous planning application in 2002 (which was refused), the planning officer mentioned the wonderful vistas. The drive along Princes Parade is special because it runs along the edge of the beach and the views are stunning. People come from miles around to enjoy this.
2. [The proposal](#) is for the road to be diverted along the Military Canal which is an English Heritage site and full of wildlife. This area is currently enjoyed by many locals on a daily basis and the council has spent the last 15 years improving access to the area. The road would cause harm to the environment and completely change the area.
3. If the development must go ahead, there is no planning reason for the road to move. The only reason to move the road is pure greed on the developer's part. If the road moves, houses would then be built on the seafront and as such, would demand a higher price. A recent development at the other end of Hythe beach saw apartments selling for over a million pounds each. Far beyond the reach of the average Hythe family. The whole character of the local area would change to the detriment of many locals and visitors but to the benefit of only a few wealthy home owners and the developer.
4. The route is also very popular and busy for going between Hythe and Sandgate. Diverted traffic would have only one other road to use which goes through the middle of Hythe and Seabrook. This would greatly increase traffic on this road.
5. The disadvantages and losses for the local community would be huge if the road is diverted. I would like to ask the Secretary of State to consider this stopping up order at the same time as the planning permission to understand the whole picture.
6. I can't stress enough what a beautiful drive Princes Parade is, with the open sea one side and open green space the other, however, you would have to see it to really understand. On the website www.savingprincesparade.org you can find a video of the area and see for yourself. Or better still – come down and visit!

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