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Subject: Reference NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear DoT,

I wish to advise you that I strongly object to the stopping up and diversion of Princes Parade, Seabrook, Hythe, Kent.

Any development along the land by the Royal Military Canal does not require the road to be stopped up or diverted. This stretch of road attracts hundreds of visitors to the area because of its unique character to enable the public to enjoy unfettered access to the promenade and beach at Hythe and Seabrook.

Residents living in the area use a variety of interconnected paths to access the road and seafront all the way along Princes Parade from inland.

The road has excellent visibility due to it being straight, it has a pavement serving the whole length of the road so there is no necessity or justification that is obvious for a proposed development requiring such a change at huge cost and loss of amenity to take place.

I would suggest instead that should development go ahead the speed limit is reduced to 30mph and pedestrian crossings be located on the existing road if really deemed necessary.

I think this application has more to do with developers and our District Council wanting to increase the value of the proposed properties they wish to build which would therefore provide a better return financially for them.

If this road is diverted then it would set a precedent, otherwise all coast roads where properties are located opposite the beach would need diverting.

I really do think there are other urgent and necessary road repairs and upgrades that need consideration by the Department of Transport rather than this application which I really believe is about inflating profits for others.

Kind regards

Jo Howes

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