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I am the KCC member for Hythe West and am writing to object to the proposed stopping up of Princes Parade.

There is no need whatsoever to re-site the well-used and long established coastal road as a result of the proposed new development. Any housing or leisure centre could clearly be accessed from the currently aligned road. It would worsen accessibility to the beach for many users.

Moreover, to move the road adjacent to the unique Royal Military Canal (a scheduled monument) would have a clear detrimental impact on the tranquillity of the setting and, potentially, the wildlife. The canal path is heavily used by walkers, cyclists, fishermen etc and it is inconceivable that having the road running along here will not damage the environment and peace of this historic site.

It would also bring traffic closer to Seabrook Primary School, on the immediate opposite side of the canal, and to residents, with a negative impact on air quality and noise pollution.

In addition, the current road provides a back-up, including for emergency services, if there is any disruption to the A259 Seabrook Road, the main coastal road, as is the case this week with closure due to planned overnight resurfacing.

The reasons put forward by the District Council carry no weight and are presumably to do with wanting to maximise the returns on its proposed development to the considerable disadvantage of many in the community.

Regards,
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