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RE: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254; – The Stopping up of Princes Parade, Hythe, Kent

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I wish to object to the Stopping Up of Princes Parade, Hythe for the following reasons:-

1. The proposal to move the road to the side of the Royal Military Canal, which is a Scheduled Monument, would destroy the peace and tranquility enjoyment of the footpath by the canal and of the canal itself.

It would also have detrimental effect on the wildlife living on the canal by the noise caused; the wildlife wandering onto the roadway and the lights at night.

The canal and its banks has for over 200 years, been a haven of calm tranquility for humans and wildlife, alike, to enjoy and relax away from the noise and hassle of everyday life.

2. Princes Parade is one of the few areas remaining in FHDC area which is low in Light Pollution, Not only is it ideal for watching the night sky but attracts many night birds and nighttime wildlife. By stopping up Princes Parade in order to build houses etc, where can parents take their children to watch the stars, night animals and night animals? These leisure activities are available to all **free** of any charges, unlike the proposed leisure center.

3. The proposed new road which will replace Princes Parade will have four sharp corners and traffic calming will be installed. Princes Parade is straight, with no bends, which is why it is often used by the Emergency Services, especially the Fire Service.

Hythe Fire station is located a few hundred yards from the end of Princes Parade. If Princes Parade is closed, the Fire Engines would have to use a narrow, residential road, (which also contains a large Primary School) or negotiate the chicane, traffic calming and wildlife of the proposed new road, thus delaying their attendance at the emergency.

Similarly, other emergency vehicles use Princes Parade as the quickest route to access South and West Hythe, especially when the A259 is congested, which is often (the A259 contains several sets of lights, a roundabout and heavy traffic flow).

By stopping up Princes Parade, the emergency services will be forced to sit in traffic jams and will then have to use the narrow residential streets or drive through the chicanes and traffic calming, whilst negotiating around the swans (as all swan belong to the queen, it is **illegal** to kill a swan and the driver could face imprisonment if they run over one), ducks and any other wildlife which have wandered onto of the proposed new road, thus greatly delaying the emergency vehicle's attendance at any emergency.

4. The major flaw in FHDC statement '*vehicle free link from the proposed leisure center and housing development to beach and existing promenade*' is that it is totally detrimental to walkers, runners, cyclist, anglers, and makes the use of public transport to access the proposed new development, virtually impossible and dangerous.

5. FHDC recently installed parking meters for the whole length of Princes Parade. This has resulted in all the local residential roads (which are meter free) being totally blocked by the parked cars of visitors to the town. This did not happen prior to the meters.

In the whole length of Princes Parade there is now not one space for Disabled Parking nor any spaces suitable for Disabled Parking or Parent Parking as all spaces are so narrow it is only possible to exit vehicle from the drivers side, into the roadway.

Yours faithfully,  
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