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I wish to register my objection to the above please.

My reasons are:

Firstly and most importantly to me is the obvious disruption and disturbance to The Royal Military Canal, I live on Earlsfield Road, my garden backs on to the canal path, therefore I am very intimately acquainted with the exact area. One of the reasons we purchase our house is to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the canal walks, it is a stunningly beautiful pathway on both sides of the canal, this would be ruined should Princes Parade be routed close to the canal. The Canal is an ancient monument and deserves to be treated as such and all efforts should be to preserve it and not to negate and spoil, which in my view would happen should the stopping up of the road be allowed. Moving roads far closer to Ancient Monuments never happens elsewhere, the norm is to move them away from ancient monuments, I cite here Stonehenge.

Not that I fish, but many local people do, and the peace gained on the Canal as current must be a real attraction, having a road next to them would again, damage this.

I just cannot understand just why the plans have been drawn to do this, in my opinion there is no need as the new proposed development can easily be accessed from the existing road, Princes Parade. Princes Parade is a pretty iconic road in its own right and has been enjoyed 'as is' for generations with no need sought to change it as it works very well exactly as it is. It is safe, walkers 'et al' can enjoy the promenade and drivers can get a perfect view of the seascape when driving down it. I believe it would benefit from more access points running into the new proposed development as this would have a somewhat calming effect on the traffic as current.

I do not believe that a 'vehicle free' link from the new proposed development to the beach is correct at all, it simply spoils the Canal for walkers, cyclists, runners and the like.

Why spoil something like the canal in this way, it is not progress, it is a retrograde step that pays no service to history and amenity value at all.

I seriously disagree with the road Stopping Up proposal and application and ask that my objections are taken into account as one who lives right on the canal please.

Thank You for listening.

Sincerely,

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