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Dear Sirs

I am emailing regarding the proposal to divert Princes Parade, Hythe, away from the seafront.

Firstly, I would point out that there is **no need** for this to take place. If the proposed development goes ahead then access roads could be put in place from the existing road and this would have the beneficial effect of slowing traffic along Princes Parade.

Secondly, the proposed relocation of the road would have a most **detrimental effect on a Scheduled Monument** – the Royal Military Canal, the setting of which currently offers traffic-free tranquillity to families out walking, amblers, anglers and cyclists, The canal, regarded as long ago as 1912¹ as affording Hythe a feature which gave the town “at least one point of superiority over all other seaside resorts in Kent”, is of national importance historically, is regarded locally as a treasure, and as such demands preservation.

Thirdly, I would draw your attention to the **inherent beauty of what is our “Royal Mile” as it stands**. As one sweeps from Sandgate Esplanade into Princes Parade with the view of Dungeness Bay in the distance it is the most glorious experience, whether one is on foot, cycling or driving. I urge you not to consider this proposal from afar, but visit and enjoy the experience first hand.

Lastly, we have been fortunate in that our forebears gave us this stretch of road and past governments have seen fit to maintain and improve the sea defences, thereby enabling local people and visitors alike **easy and open access to its beaches**. It would therefore seem to me a travesty and quite undemocratic to countenance any proposal which might jeopardise this.

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¹ Illustrated Guide Books – Folkestone 1912-1913 Ward Lock & Co.