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I object most strongly to this proposal, for the following reasons:

To close the highway along the promenade at Princes Parade would severely disadvantage a large number of people, of all ages and from all sections of society, who have limited mobility. Not all disabled people are wheelchair users. Currently people with limited mobility can park in Princes Parade to either enjoy the views and sea air from their car, or take a walk along the promenade. The enjoyment, even dare I say the rights, of a large number of people would be taken away forever, solely to benefit the relative few whose new homes would have direct access to the promenade.

To close this highway would severely disadvantage a large number of people with learning difficulties, who are currently able to be driven to Princes Parade by family/support workers so that they can walk in safety on the promenade to enjoy the exercise, fresh air, and social interaction with other users of this priceless amenity. To stop up this road would seriously and selfishly affect their quality of life.

The proposed rerouting of the road would make that entire length of promenade a no-go zone for many, including those I have exemplified above. To take away from one section of society for the benefit of another, is so wrong when it is to the obvious disadvantage of the vulnerable.

To reroute the highway to lie alongside the Royal Military Canal would be disastrous for the much-valued local wildlife in terms of greatly reduced and unavoidably polluted habitat.

To reroute the highway so close to the Royal Military Canal could seriously endanger the structure and significance of this Ancient Monument.

To reroute the highway so close to the canal side footpath would destroy the peace and tranquillity of what is currently a beautiful green walk enjoyed by many.

I object to these proposals on grounds of cost: the public have not, to my knowledge, been shown any realistic financial assessments for such work, and it is difficult to see how the proposed number of houses (some of which should theoretically be “affordable”) can justify the costs, be they financial, social or environmental, of rerouting the road, particularly when considering the other remedial work re contamination and flooding that will have to be done to the proposed development area.

To close, I can see absolutely no merit whatsoever to the proposals, and an unacceptable amount of detrimental financial, social and environmental affects to the community should the proposals be passed.

Yours,
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