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### **Why I object to the stopping up of Princes Parade**

Princes Parade is a route often used by motorists who travel from Hythe to Folkestone, it is an alternative route to the A259. When repairs to the A259 take place, as is happening for eleven nights at the moment, it is an accessible thoroughfare.

Princes Parade is an alternative route for emergency services to use, thus avoiding the congestion of the A259.

Princes Parade has huge historical significance; opened in 1890 by Prince of Wales it was celebrated as developing and improving the local transport system. It is also the site of the Sandgate and Hythe Tramway. The iconic Tram Shelter, standing half-way along Princes Parade, has recently restored. It is a reminder of how important it is to preserve our history for future generations.

The easy parking along Princes Parade gives easy access to the promenade, the beach and the Royal Military Canal. Walkers, hikers and amblers, fishermen, tourists, disabled people, cyclists, elderly people and families can all be seen to benefit from this facility.

The stopping up of Princes Parade would bring to an end the easily accessible parking along Princes Parade. This would have an enormous impact on many people's lives. It would reduce access to the beach, promenade and canal and this would impact on people with mobility issues. We have a moral duty to ensure that all people can have easy access to this stretch of open space.

### **Why I object to the re-routing of Princes Parade**

The proposed building programme would change the wonderful outlook of this special place. The noise, disruption and destruction of the flora and fauna would be devastating to many who have fought long and hard to preserve this special area. Once gone it is gone forever. This open stretch of land is unequalled and has too many positive features for it to be terminated.

The new road, re-routed to run directly above the Royal Military Canal, would severely affect and change the outstanding beauty of this area. The historic setting,

the wildlife and the natural environment on which flora and fauna thrive would be changed forever.

There is no doubt that the construction of the road would have major implications on the local and wider community.

In conclusion, Princes Parade offers to many an escape from the ever encroaching built-up areas. Its unique setting brings a welcome release from the demands of 21st Century living. This proposal is not in the greater public interest. A new swimming pool is needed but other options have been very clearly given which are not so disruptive and destructive. Stopping up Princes Parade and creating a new road running above the canal would be an extremely invasive and lengthy procedure which would affect local residents and visitors alike. It would destroy this unique and historic setting. Princes Parade is worth preserving.

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