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Subject: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear Sir/Madam

I write with regard to the proposed diversion of the existing road away from the seafront and along Hythe canal (reference above). The stopping up and diversion of this road is NOT necessary for the service of the proposed building development along Princes Parade. The present road is perfectly adequate and appropriate for the proposed development, which development in any case, if granted permission, would be most detrimental to the flora and fauna and wildlife in general of that unique and locally cherished area of countryside between Hythe and Seabrook.

The environmental effect of a road alongside the historic canal, which was built as a defence against a possible invasion by Napoleon's army, would be devastating for the wildlife (mallards and other ducks, swans, kingfishers, coots, Canada geese to name but a few species). A very large number of local residents including myself find pleasure, peace and solace when walking along the canal paths, which would no longer be accessible to the general public. The stopping up of the present road would therefore constitute a great loss for the residents of Hythe.

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