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**Subject:** NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear Sirs

NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

I object to the stopping up of the road at Princes Parade.

The road is a valuable asset for local residents and tourism and allows access to the beach area for those travelling by car. The elderly, disabled and families as well as sports enthusiasts. Allowing equipment for a day at the beach to be transported easily.

The benefits to visitors are immense for wellbeing of a drive beside the sea or a quick lunch break and de stress.

The stopping up of this road would create access to the beach by foot only. This would severely restrict access to the beach and sea to many community groups.

This road is a valuable alternative to Seabrook Road and assists with traffic management. To lose this road would put a huge strain on neighbouring roads and create traffic congestion. The yearly roadworks on Seabrook Road entails Princes Parade being used as an alternative route. The 2 roads are both very busy routes with additional increased traffic at peak times and holidays.

The costs involved with changing and moving this road would be extremely high with the connection to the sea wall and defences.

As a tourist area this road attracts many visitors at weekends and holiday times. Will all of this traffic be re-routed through a housing development and alongside a quiet canal?

The proposal to stop off this road and to create a new road alongside the canal would cause immense disruption and harm. The setting of the ancient monument of the heritage canal is a calm and serene area full of wildlife. The area is used by many residents as a green open space and a place to de stress and relax away from traffic noise and technology. The government recommends that all residents should have access to a local green space and this space is the only quiet open space in Seabrook. The government policies on health and green spaces would seek to retain this area for residents and visitors.

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/POST-PN-0538/POST-PN-0538.pdf>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/communities-get-power-to-protect-green-spaces>

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/357411/Review8\\_Green\\_spaces\\_health\\_inequalities.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/357411/Review8_Green_spaces_health_inequalities.pdf)

I do not believe there is sufficient justification to allow the disruption to the local area, to cause many traffic problems, to take away a valued amenity, the costs involved to local tax payers in changing this road are not acceptable.

If development at Princes Parade were to go ahead there is no need to remove this road. The existing road could serve the development with side roads off. There would be advantage to any development dwellings to be able to leave the area and be served by a direct route to Hythe or Folkestone. Emergency vehicles etc would also have direct access on to any proposed estate.

I believe there are many disadvantages to the proposal to stop off this road and not sufficient justification. Any proposed development could easily be served by the existing road without the many disadvantages as stated above.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Deborah Sustins