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From: alan joyce [mailto:a [REDACTED]]
Sent: 04 June 2018 20:02
To: NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: NATTRANS/SE/S247/3254 - Closure of Princes Parade,Hythe .

Dear Sirs ,

I am writing to object to the application by Folkestone & Hythe District Council to close the Princes Parade Highway. The reason they have given seems to me somewhat spurious.

I have been the Sustrans Ranger covering this seawall section of National Cycle Route 2 for some 15 years and also a member of Cycle Shepway an action group that has successfully promoted a coastal cycle path from Folkestone to Dungeness, which is now being developed by Kent County Council which also runs along the seawall .

It is a shared use route and except for the odd occasion does not appear to have caused much friction between pedestrians and cyclists. At the moment visitors to Hythe can park along the seawall side of the road , despite the introduction of parking charges , this allows them quick access to the promenade and if is of particular value if they have small children learning to cycle . Over the years this has proved to be of great value, as some years back on behalf of Sustrans carried out several surveys.

By diverting the road much of this will be lost as parking will be fragmented and further away, thus acting as a disincentive to get children to get involved in cycling , a thing the Government is trying to promote .

Yours sincerely,

Alan Joyce [REDACTED]