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Subject: REF: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

To whom it concerns,

RE: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

I am contacting you to advise of my objection to the proposal for stopping up the road at Princes Parade. I use this road on a regular basis to access the beach and as an alternative route to Seabrook Road, particularly during busy times, for journeys to/from my residence and to visit friends and family. As a lifelong resident of Hythe I believe that the current road at Princes Parade has immense value both to myself and my fellow residents and visitors to our town.

I understand the only reason given for the proposal of stopping up the road is to allow the proposed development to have 'vehicle-free' beach front access. I feel strongly against this for a number of reasons and believe there is absolutely no requirement to reroute the road away from the existing position; the proposed development can already be accessed fully from the current road, avoiding further unnecessary harm to the environment and wildlife along the canal that the impact from a roadway would have on it.

Princes Parade is a popular route and gives important public access directly to the beach - indeed the FHDC have just heavily invested taxpayer funds in installing the new parking meters along the parade which shows their understanding of how popular and important a route it is for local residents, tourists and the general public alike - particularly those with disabilities or walking issues who appreciate the direct access to the promenade and beach without having to park some distance away.

Stopping up and realigning the road would have absolutely no benefit to the local residents/public and would be a considerable further cost to the taxpayer.

I await your reply.

Regards

Kristina Boughton