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Subject: Objection to stopping up a road Ref NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear The Rt Hon. Christopher Grayling MP,

I would like to lodge my objection to the proposed 'stopping up' of Princes Parade (ref. NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254). I understand that the reason for granting this is that it is necessary for the proposed development of Princes Parade. However, the claim by Folkestone and Hythe District Council that this is a necessary measure is inaccurate. Although I am opposed to the development itself, should planning be granted, the buildings could simply be accessed by the current highway along Princes Parade. This is already the case for a hotel and car park, and there is no primary reason why the development could not similarly be planned to create vehicular access from Princes Parade.

On a merits basis as well as necessity, the relocation of the road is undesirable. It moves vehicular access between Seabrook and Twiss Road to alongside the Royal Military Canal, a Scheduled Ancient Monument. This creates a depletion in green space in Seabrook/Hythe which many residents find valuable for their overall wellbeing. It is currently an area of natural, unspoilt beauty; to move a road adjacent to it would destroy this benefit to the town's residents, both human and animal.

In addition, as a 74-year old woman with limited mobility, I enjoy the drive along the full length of the seafront on a daily basis. I cannot walk along it because of health issues; there is no other location in the local area in which one can drive at such close proximity to the sea and enjoy such unhindered view. Pedestrianisation may be attractive to those with full mobility but this fails to take into account the demographic in Hythe. Folkestone and Hythe District Council's own information sheet on Hythe Ward in 2015 states that, "The ward has proportionally less people aged under 50 than the Kent average, and it also has a much larger percentage of people aged over 60." It is mainly the over-60s, like me, who will not benefit from the pedestrianisation plan and concurrent stopping up of the road, yet we form the majority of the population so this proposal will have a significant impact upon my ability to enjoy the amenity of the seafront where I live.

I am strongly opposed to this measure and wish to register this with your department.

Yours sincerely,

Ursula Fraser