

We write regarding the stopping up the road proposal and to express our strong objection to this. It would deprive visitors access to this part of the coast and easy access to the beach and sea. We rely on visitors to this area. Apart from their enjoyment at the time, the stopping up of the road would mean that they might not return again thus depriving the town of much needed income. Princes Parade is constantly used for recreation by visitors, walkers, runners, cyclists and anglers – both the young, the elderly and the disabled. Disabled people already have problems of access to various venues so consideration should be a priority for them – they need easy and safe access to an area they wish to visit. Again, re-routing the road alongside the Royal Military Canal would mean that many many people would most likely go elsewhere where other areas would give them easier access to a beach.

The Royal Military Canal is a lovely, tranquil place for recreation, a place to spend time and to have quiet undisturbed walks. Another consideration is the effect that a diverted road would have on the wildlife, i.e. swans, ducks, etc.. There will be no peace and tranquillity to be had by the Canal if the proposal to stop up the road goes ahead. Peace and tranquillity is in somewhat short supply in this busy, chaotic world, is important to one's health and wellbeing, and time spent quietly along the Royal Military Canal is greatly valued by many.

Princes Parade had been in place for many years, it's iconic and historic. The relocated road will have significant detrimental impact on the Royal Military Canal and destroy a special area in a traffic free setting. There is absolutely no need to this proposal to go ahead even if the planning application for the development of Princes Parade is granted – the stopping up the road is just not necessary.

We request that the proposal for stopping up Princes Parade be considered by the Secretary of State at the same time as the planning application for the development of Princes Parade so that he can fully consider all aspects on the impact this will have when he makes his decision on such huge and important issue.

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