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I object most strongly to this proposal, for the following reasons:

Princes Parade is a part of our heritage and is probably the longest straight stretch of coastal road in the South East and for that reason alone should not be stopped up.

To close the highway along the promenade at Princes Parade would severely disadvantage a large number of people, of all ages and from all sections of society, who have limited mobility. The rights, of a large number of people would be taken away forever, solely to benefit the relative few whose new homes would have direct access to the promenade.

To close this highway would severely disadvantage a large number of people with learning difficulties, who are currently able to be driven to Princes Parade by family/support workers so that they can walk in safety on the promenade to enjoy the exercise, fresh air, and social interaction with other users of this priceless amenity. To stop up this road would seriously and selfishly affect their quality of life.

The proposed rerouting of the road would make that entire length of promenade a no-go zone for many, including those I have exemplified above. To take away from one section of society for the benefit of another, is so wrong when it is to the obvious disadvantage of the vulnerable.

To reroute the highway so close alongside the Royal Military Canal would endanger the structure of this ancient monument and would be disastrous for the much-valued local wildlife in terms of greatly reduced and unavoidably polluted habitat. The peace and tranquillity of a beautiful green walk along side the canal, enjoyed by many, would be lost for ever.

The proposal would have a serious risk to the safety of residents as Princes Parade is used as a diversion route and would severely delay emergency services when the A259 is blocked, due to accident/road works etc.

Finally, I can see absolutely no merit whatsoever to the proposals, which will create an unacceptable amount of social and environmental affects to a large number of the community for the benefit of very few.

Yours,
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