

Casework manager: S Zamenzadeh

**(Town Clerk explanatory comment: extract from Hythe Town Council's Plans & Works committee meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018)**

That the following comments should be sent by the Town Clerk to the Secretary of State. Some members felt that the proposal was premature as a full planning application had not yet been submitted and there was not enough information to support the proposal at this stage.

Some members would like more information regarding the proposed highway including the dimensions. Some members noted that the stopping up order was a procedural matter and would only be enforced if a planning application for Princes Parade was approved.

A member stated that Princes Parade is an iconic road, with a vista where visitors to the town stopped and looked at the hills before walking into Hythe along Princes Parade.

Some members stated that Princes Parade provides parking for the public giving direct access onto the promenade, particularly for disabled people and was the only such facility in the district.

Some members stated that if the development went ahead it would be unnecessary to divert the existing road.

A member stated that the new road being planned would affect wildlife and have an effect on the National monument which is the canal.

There was concern regarding the lack of detail as to where the new road would be.

**(Town Clerk explanatory comment: At Hythe Town Council's meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Council resolved to amend the recommendation of the committee to that shown above and to add this statement:)**

Having regard to the committee's recommendation, the council wishes to add the following points to summarise its position:

1. The new road, given its close proximity to the canal, will have a significant and detrimental effect on the habitats both within and surrounding the Royal Military Canal AND will cause harm to the setting of the Canal AND will cause harm to the setting of the canal as a Scheduled Ancient Monument
2. The stopping up of the existing road will hinder public access to the beach and the promenade

In view of the comments made by the Plans & Works Committee, and the summary points above, it is the view of this council that the public interest is best served by the existing highway remaining as is and no new highway being built.

Regards

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Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

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