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Subject: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254 - Objection to stoping up of Princes Parade

To whom it may concern,

Objection to stopping up of Princes Parade, Hythe, Kent NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

From Chris Farrell, [REDACTED]

I object in the strongest terms to the stopping up of Princes Parade, Hythe for the following reasons:

I have attached some photos of the beautiful area where the council propose to build the new road.

1. I am an army veteran. I was medically discharged with brain damage in 1999 and have recently been diagnosed with complex PTSD. The proposed new road will run within metres of the Royal Military Canal. I walk along there every day, it is beautiful, tranquil and teeming with wildlife. **In my opinion it is the best place on earth.** It gives me the peace and space I need to deal with my condition. I often sit and just watch nature. This will be ruined if a noisy road is put there. I wish I could walk you along the canal where the council want to put the road, so that I can show you just how beautiful this area is and why it means so much to me and many, many others. This area is my sanctuary, it feeds my soul.

2. I am a BBC Weather Watcher and I often photograph this beautiful place. My photographs, using the name 'Becky' (my dog) are often featured on the local or national BBC weather forecasts. I just use my mobile phone, no fancy cameras or special effects. The BBC obviously realise how beautiful this location is.

3. The canal where the road will be moved to is peaceful and unspoilt. Putting the new road so close to the canal will ruin this precious habitat and harm the wildlife. It will put the canal and path in the shade, increase noise levels, cause pollution from run off and cause rubbish to build up in this delicate environment.

4. I live locally and drive along Princes Parade every day. It is always a pleasure to use this road because of the amazing views across Hythe Bay whatever the weather. It is completely unnecessary to move the road to the canal bank. The council will be able to build it's proposed development leaving the road where it currently is. It is pointless and a complete waste of money to move it.

5. If the development goes ahead, the original road will serve the same purpose. It is a pointless exercise and a waste of millions of pounds. It will totally ruin a wonderful location.

6. Princes Parade is in a beautiful location and gives uninterrupted views of the sea. You can park along the road and immediately have access the beach or just sit in your car and

admire the views. If the road is moved the sea will be obscured completely. It is a favourite spot for many people.

7. Currently those with walking difficulties and other disabilities can get to the beach from their car, this will not be possible if the road is moved.

8. Princes Parade is a perfect location for many sports and activities. Anglers, kite surfers, paddle boarders, canoeists and kayakers park their cars along Princes Parade and have easy access to the beach with all their gear. Angling competitions are often held on the beach adjacent to the road for this reason. Motorists are going to have to lug their gear a considerable distance to access the beach or more likely use a different beach and spend their cash in another town.

9. The local roads are already packed with parked cars, the number will be increased as drivers try to find a closer location to park nearer to the beach than along the proposed new road.

10. 6,561 people have signed a petition against the council's proposed development.

The new road is completely unjustified and I object in the strongest terms possible.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Farrell