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Subject: Objection to Stopping Up Road - Ref: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254
Importance: High

Sir

I would like to express my strongest objections to the Stopping Up of the current road that runs along Princes Parade, Hythe, Kent, and having it redirected to a road parallel and close to the Military Canal. Reference NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254.

My reasons for objecting are that:

- redirecting the road is no way necessary for the development of Princes Parade, should this development go ahead,
- opening a road close to the Military Canal would be an environment disaster for the surrounding countryside and the Canal, and
- it adds additional unnecessary costs that will have to be born by the taxpaying public.

Firstly redirecting the road that runs along the seafront is not a requirement for the development being planned for Princes Parade. Access to both the new houses and the seafront will be possible from the existing road, so I see no reason whatsoever to redirect it.

Secondly, having a new road so close to the existing canal would have a severe adverse effect on the environment and also the Canal itself, let alone the houses that front onto this 'new road'. This would mean that the Canal is threatened on both sides - one by the development and one by this planned new road. Further, if the current road by the seafront is closed to traffic (to vehicle free link from the proposed leisure centre and housing development to the beach and existing promenade), I do not see how residents will be able to access their properties unless they cross the Canal? Surely there would need to be many crossing points which would completely destroy the Canal.

Finally, there is no 'road' currently in place for the exiting road to be diverted to, only a footpath. Consequently this path would need to be widened and developed at considerable cost to the taxpaying public, at a time when budgets are already tight and there are many other road maintenance projects that need to be done in the area. This would just be a waste of money, public money.

Many thanks in advance for your consideration of my objection to this project.

Regards

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