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**Sent:** 24 May 2018 11:44  
**To:** Neil Crass  
**Subject:** Princes Parade, Hythe, Kent

Objection to the Department of Transport in relation to the stopping up of the highway.

Dear Neil Crass,

Following receipt of your email, herewith our objections to the closure and relocation of the road between Princes Parade and the sea:

1. It would result in a seriously adverse impact on the setting of the Royal Military Canal which has the designation of a National Monument, the status of which in both planning and historical terms is being carelessly and irresponsibly disregarded by the Council. The RMC is a unique Hythe asset and should be treated with respect and sensitivity.
2. The removal of the road from its present position would seriously impede public access to the foreshore, especially rod and line fishermen of which there is a large number all year round. Direct access to the sea from the Imperial Hotel to Battery Point is a significant factor in the appeal of Hythe to visitors and therefore income for the town.
3. Whether implemented by the Dept of Transport or some other agency the cost would be very substantial falling ultimately on the public purse ie. us individually through our taxes and to which we object in the strongest possible terms. We regard relocation of the road as a profligate waste of our money, especially having regard to the increasingly parlous state of our existing roads ie the serious proliferation of dangerous potholes which we regard as a matter of far greater urgency than replacing a perfectly serviceable road extant.

Yours sincerely,

David Plumstead  
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