-----Original Message-----From: Evelyn Stace [mailto: Sent: 01 October 2021 11:02 To: Programme Officer <Programme.Officer@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk> Subject: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254 Princes Parade Stopping Up Order & Diversion

For the attention of Planning Inspector - Mr O S Woodwards

Dear Sir

I strongly object to the stopping-up and realignment of the Princes Parade for the following reasons:

The Princes Parade is a popular route and stopping-off point for many visitors, especially those who are elderly, frail, disabled or who have mental health problems. They enjoy sitting in their vehicles in all weathers, while chatting and watching the sea. The loss of over 60 car parking spaces alongside the promenade would disadvantage these individuals.

A diversion of the Princes Parade is of no benefit to current users of the road and will cause more traffic chaos on the A259, which is frequently grid-locked during busy periods. The Princes Parade is also an alternative route for emergency vehicles' use.

In 1987 the Royal Military Canal, a unique military monument, was designated a Scheduled Ancient Monument by English Heritage. A new road alongside the Royal Military Canal would greatly impact the archaeology, biodiversity and ecology on the site; and the current peace and tranquility, for users of the waterway and its footpaths, would be changed for ever.

The new road will be within 13.32 metres of the Royal Military Canal which is against the Environment Agency's recommendations. The new road will also be within the 16 metre buffer zone from a main river which is not advisable.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Evelyn Stace