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Subject: NATTRANS/SE/S247/3254

Dear Caroline Williams,

Stopping Up Order, Princes Parade

I would like to object to the diversion of the Princes Parade coast road.

I could try to argue how such a diversion could increase current bottlenecks and cause different ones with the A259 both in Hythe and on the Seabrook/Sandgate border and also point out that already parking has increased dramatically in the Stade Street part of Hythe because the council is charging for parking along Princes Parade. This is sure to get worse if the road is diverted totally from the front of the proposed development. It is also difficult to imagine how access to and parking at the development and the leisure centre is going to be managed successfully.

For me, though, the most important point is the unnecessary environmental disruption the diversion would cause. At a time when dealing with climate change is becoming more and more urgent there is no need to disrupt an area which has developed into a unique nature reserve. Not only maintaining what is now home to a varied range of wildlife, there is also the impact the diversion would have on that part of the Military Canal whose basin is set behind the proposed development. This is also an environmental treasure and a centre for leisure activities.

The Canal and the proposed development site is the only public green area and relatively pollution free place left on the coast at Seabrook because it does not have a busy main road dissecting it. The next road bridge is westward in Twiss Road, Hythe, which is far enough away to enable people to take a healthy excursion from there to Princes Parade and back again. People can safely ride bikes and walk along the Canal paths, over Canal bridges, have picnics and sit quietly enjoying views from both sides of the Canal sometimes as far as the sea's horizon.

The road diversion would, in my opinion, destroy the relatively quiet, safe and peaceful ambience of this waterside idyll at a time when the natural community - birds, animals, plants, trees, waterway - need protection more than ever before. Proposing what is bound to be a busy main road diversion demonstrates total disregard for the serious environmental issues that both the human and wildlife community faces.

Yours sincerely, Diana Trollope