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To: Programme Officer <Programme.Officer@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk>
Subject: Stopping up of Princes Parade

Dear Ms Williams

I am advised to write to you under ref: NATTRANS/SE/S247/3254 to ensure my objections to the subject above reach the Inspector overseeing this review.

I live on the A259 Seabrook Road in Seabrook, Hythe and within 200 or so metres of the Royal Military Canal. Walking along the Canal is an activity I undertake regularly and do find this a stress relieving exercise and this especially so during the recent restrictions to personal movement occasioned by the Covid 19 pandemic. Re-routing the Princes Parade to within a few metres of the canal will have untold negative effects to this valuable leisure facility. Walking along and enjoying the birdsong and, especially in the Spring, the fresh growth of the many trees and shrubs and other flora is truly refreshing to the soul! Stopping up the existing Parade and re-routing it alongside the canal will undoubtedly mean the loss of much of the birdlife and greenery that acts as a "lung" to help absorb CO2 in the air, and goes against the planting of trees that we are being encouraged to do to help slow climate change.

I also fear the effect this exercise will have on the local vehicle traffic as I am sure many of those who might currently transit along the existing promenade road will divert along the A259, adding to the congestion that already frequently occurs on this road through Seabrook and that will not be helped by those wanting to visit the proposed new swimming pool from west Hythe and Romney Marsh communities . Add to this the denial of direct access to the beach that may well encourage those wishing to visit the beach to seek parking on the nearby A259.

These are my main concerns about the stopping up of Princes Parade. There are many others that I am sure other objectors like myself will highlight and will be considered by the inspector.

Yours sincerely

John Roberts, [redacted]