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Subject: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254 - Objection to the Stopping up order

RE: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear Sirs.

I would like to formally object to the proposed plan to redirect the Princes Parade road between Seabrook and Hythe. The proposal serves no purpose other than to pander to the greedy few who do not actively understand and appreciate the benefits of the road's current location and look only towards a bitterly fought and unpopular commercial advantage that can be more easily resolved by other means.

If the past 18 months has taught humanity anything it should be to deeply value and respect our precious green spaces, our physical and mental health and not to interfere with forces of nature.

This sea facing road has stood for longer than each of us have lived, and contributes more to society than many of us could ever do. The road protects the surrounding area from storms, it hides decades of harmful, toxic man made waste, it provides relief for local traffic, provides a location for visitors, who support the individual businesses who locate themselves along it. It provides access whilst maintaining uninterrupted peace and tranquility for the ancient monument and sea that it serves.

I have never seen road kill along this stretch of road despite the thousands of animals that make this area their home. How can the proposal protect the inhabitants of the area, both animals and humans alike when it is so evident that the ground is contaminated and the air, flora and fauna above it thrives exactly where it is and plays such a critical role within its current format.

I have lived in London my entire life until last year when I 'returned' to where generations of my family haved lived over multiple centuries, no doubt because of the beauty of this area. I understand the need for progress, I understand the need for amenities, I do not understand this proposed development. Where else can anyone in this country see such an uninterrupted horizon, see clear night skies, see bats and kingfishers and an entirely different country anywhere else except Seabrook beach and the canal that is metres away. It might not carry the cachet of Australia or California's Great Ocean road, but I and many others take the immense pleasure to have this on the doorstep and challenge anyone to disagree it is not the best route for miles around.

The council and the government needs to understand the assets we all enjoy and fiercely protect them, not destroy them. Without this area you are depriving residents of a safe and natural space that has no equivalent in the area let alone further afield.

Let visitors come to this area, park next to with their children, their eldery relatives and their sports equipment. Let visitors experience it without disrupting the local traffic, the animals and the local residents who rely on it daily. Do not destroy the road that makes this possible.

Sincerely

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Ellen Taylor