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Subject: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254 – Princes Parade Stopping Up Order

Dear Sirs

I am writing to you to reinforce my previous objection to the Princes Parade Stopping Up Order which I am in some doubt as to whether this has been fully considered and addressed.

I consider the existing road to be iconic, with the original tramshed and straight route along the seafront an important part of Hythe's special heritage. The proximity of the proposed new road to the Royal Military Canal (Scheduled Ancient Monument) will have a hugely detrimental impact on the Monument itself, and the surrounding Green Flag status area. It would not be a pleasant and healthy environment in which to walk, something the residents of Seabrook and Hythe and visitors have enjoyed for years, and especially during the pandemic - it is of vital importance that this be saved for everyone's physical and mental health.

I also draw your attention to the detrimental impact that this proposed new road would have on the environment and wildlife of the area, with the inevitable loss of reptiles, birds, small mammals, insects and the flora and fauna that make the Canal so special. It is, of course, just plain common sense that no wild animal would be happy to be re-housed on the north side of the Canal with the large volume of pedestrian, cycle and dog walking that use the much narrower pathway. Wild animals choose where they live, not us humans choosing for them!

It is also of great concern the inevitable increase to traffic along Seabrook Road, and parking difficulties in the surrounding area. The already high volume of traffic passing Seabrook Primary School at the bottom of Hospital Hill is an accident just waiting to happen, with no proper crossing point, illegal parking, and very narrow passing points around Olivia Court at Seabrook Point. I have personally witnessed a child nearly run over on the pavement by a car trying to avoid an oncoming truck. I would also like to add that parents at the School have voiced their concerns as to the higher pollution levels right at the children's level when walking to and from school, and whilst in the playground. It would be interesting to know the statistics on increased child asthma cases in the area. This of course was recently highlighted in the press with the tragic case in London of a young primary school child losing her life to pollution from her school journey.

Perhaps it would be prudent to carry out an up-to-date traffic survey, not rely on one taken 3 years ago? And it goes without saying, that with this large increase in traffic along Seabrook Road, has any thought been given to how our Emergency Services are going to get through the ensuing chaos without the alternative route along Princes Parade - has this been taken into account?

I am therefore now reinforcing my original objection to the proposed Stopping Up Order, and I look forward to hearing that this has NOT been granted.

Yours

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