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Subject: Princes Parade

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref. NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

In response to your email of 10th May 2021 I wish to reaffirm my comments and objections to the planned stopping up and diversion of Princes Parade.

In fact I object even more strongly than I did when the consultation was closed in June 2018. Three years ago. Since then more people have moved to the area and more people have been made aware of the implications of stopping up and diverting the road and they have not been permitted to make their objections known which is hardly democratic process.

I believe the responses given by the council fail on all counts of merit and necessity. As the consultation was done three years ago the council is relying on road surveys which are very outdated.

One of the most serious issues is the pressure which will be put on the A259, Seabrook Road. Only last month a car overturned and blocked the road and there was a very long diversion put in place for the public. The buses used Princes Parade. If stopped up and diverted Princes Parade would not be able to be used as a secondary route and cause enormous difficulties for people living at the South of Hythe.

There is a very bad bottleneck on the A259 as one approaches Hythe from Seabrook. The surrounding roads are very full of traffic already although Princes Parade is open. What will it be like if people cannot drive along Princes Parade?

I urge you to seriously consider the numerous objections put forward by the electorate who are in the know and use the road, and dismiss the arguments put forward by the council, the majority of whom do not live there, use the road or even visit the area.

I am rather confused as I know a resident wrote an email to Rt Hon Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport regarding this application and received a reply from that department saying that the Secretary of State has nothing to do with this. Very strange considering that I was led to believe the application is going to him this week. Perhaps someone can clarify the situation for me?

Yours, Marilyn Wheeler

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