

From: Tim Raymond [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 16 May 2018 17:22
To: Neil Crass <Neil.Crass@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT PRINCES PARADE, FOLKESTONE CT21 6AQ

Mr Crass,

My concerns are focussed very specifically on the stopping up of this road. The intention to route traffic away from the seafront inland will have an immediate and detrimental affects on everyone who uses this road to enjoy the views across the channel.

The road has been enjoyed for many, many years and is not something for the current District Council to close on a whim to support one of their vanity projects. When King George VI visited Hythe his drive along this road to enjoy the sea views was said to be the high spot of the royal visit. This road should not be allowed to be 'stopped' it is a vital artery for this town.

How can depriving access to the sea for the majority and creating exclusive housing in its place ever be in the public interest?

Mrs Christine Raymond

On 16 May 2018, at 14:18, Neil Crass < [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Sir/madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990: S.247
PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT PRINCES PARADE, FOLKESTONE CT21 6AQ
OS GRID REFERENCE: E:618281, N:134781

Our ref: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Further to our recent email acknowledging receipt of your objection to the above mentioned stopping up Order.

As you are aware, planning permission for the associated development has not yet been granted by Folkstone and Hythe District Council. Should planning permission be granted for the development we will be re-assessing the objections that we have received to ensure that they are valid in relation to the stopping up Order.

If it is evident that concerns pertain predominantly to the impact of the proposed development rather than directly to or any possible consequences arising from the stopping up of the section of highway verge proposed by the above stopping up Order, then they will not be accepted. The

Secretary of State's role in the matter is limited to considering the impact closure of a highway would have on users, and to take a decision which determines where the ultimate public interest may lie.

Should the planning permission be called in or if there is an inquiry then we would look to join that inquiry. The Secretary of State for Transport would then look to issuing a decision following that inquiry.

Although planning permission has not yet been granted, Section 253 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 allows the Secretary of State to start the consultation to stop up the highway as long as an applicant has applied for planning permission. An Order would then be issued following the granting of planning permission and assuming that any objections had been resolved either by the applicant or via a form of inquiry.

In the meantime, a copy of your email has been forwarded to Folkestone and Hythe District Council, the applicant, who may get in touch with you to discuss the objection. I should be grateful if you would forward copies of any correspondence you may have with the applicant, and should matters be concluded to your satisfaction, confirm to us that you no longer object.

Please be aware that where a stopping up Order becomes the subject of a local Public Inquiry (PI), all correspondence is copied to the Inspector conducting the Inquiry and will also be kept in the PI library, where it is publicly available.

Kind regards

Neil Crass
National Transport Casework Team