

From: Jim Martin [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 21 May 2018 16:22
To: NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Stopping Up Notice - Princes Parade, Hythe Kent CT21 - Ref: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear Neil,

I am sorry but I forgot to mention another objection to the stopping up notice for Princes Parade:

Princes Parade is one of the few locations locally where disabled anglers can park in a car and easily access the beach (at some parts you can even get a wheelchair down onto the stones without too much trouble). Stopping up the road will discriminate against this minority group. The same can be said for families who have disabled children, having picked the children up from school, it is very easy at the moment for disabled children to access the beach, and again stopping up the road will discriminate against this minority group.

Jim Martin

From: Jim Martin
Sent: 21 May 2018 15:55
To: NATIONALCASEWORK
Subject: RE: Stopping Up Notice - Princes Parade, Hythe Kent CT21 - Ref: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear Neil,

Thank you for your prompt reply. My objection assumes the planning permission, you are quite correct, but the stopping up of the road is simply the first step in a process of relocating the road.

I object because the stopping up of the road because it is not required. The stopping up is not required if no development takes place. The stopping up is not required if the development takes place.

If no development takes place the stopping up is not required because, the road is the only vehicle access to the beach, for servicing or tourism and access by the emergency services. Indeed the road is essential every year when the major beach replenishment works take place.

So regardless of the prospect of development or no development I object to the stopping up order because vehicle access along the beach is essential.

Jim Martin

From: NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 May 2018 14:38
To: Jim Martin [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Stopping Up Notice - Princes Parade, Hythe Kent CT21 - Ref: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear Mr Martin

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

Thank you for your email submitting an objection to the above mentioned Order.

As you are aware, planning permission for the associated development has not yet been granted by Folkestone 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

From: Jim Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 May 2018 14:04
To: NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: Stopping Up Notice - Princes Parade, Hythe Kent CT21 - Ref: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Dear Sirs,

I live at [REDACTED]. With regard to the Folkestone and Hythe District Council's application to stop-up the road known as Princes Parade, I object to the stopping up of the road because:

- it is not required, the new development can be accessed from the existing Princes Parade, indeed the road would benefit from greater connectivity and access points to calm the traffic speed,
- the road is iconic, historic and has been in place for many years, the Royal Military Canal was built to meet the potential threat of invasion by Napoleon, the building of Princes Parade signalled the threat had passed,
- the new position of the relocated road will have a very significant detrimental impact of the Royal Military Canal and destroy the peace and tranquillity of the setting of the Scheduled Monument (RMC),
- the "vehicle free link from the proposed leisure centre and housing development to the beach and existing promenade" highlighted by FHDC in their application will be at the total detriment of the walkers, runners, cyclists, anglers, visitors and local people who use the canal path every day and enjoy its peaceful, tranquil and traffic free setting.

Yours faithfully

Jim Martin BSc Dip Proj Man FRICS