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Subject: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Good afternoon

I write in relation to the above and wish to object to in the strongest terms to the application to stop up the road along Princes Parade.

This road is widely used by both local and visiting members of the public and provides an enjoyable drive with the opportunity to take in the sea. It also means that there is not all the traffic being routed along Seabrook Road which is increasingly busy, as are many of the surrounding roads.

I understand that this request will only be processed if the proposed development goes ahead; however this is absolutely not necessary - to route the road on the other side of the road will have a significant impact on the environment and cause totally unnecessary damage to the wildlife and surrounds; carving across the landscape and ruining the setting of the Royal Military Canal.

There is absolutely no need to have a pedestrianised area between the proposed development (leisure centre/houses) and this will simply force traffic back to Seabrook which will have a real impact.

Many, many people use Princes Parade on a regular basis and one of the real benefits is that you can drive to the seafront and have a coffee/stop for lunch or a break during a busy working day and this is still the case in spite of the parking meters being forced through. To take away this seafront access is absolutely unnecessary and is removing access to the beach which people have had for years. Many people locally are not able to walk a long way to the seafront and rely on being able to drive and park up. I personally frequently drive my parents down to the seafront for coffee/ a couple of hours sitting on the beach and have always used this area of Princes Parade; stopping this up will mean that there is less sea front access and this will be a real shame to take this away from people who take real pleasure in spending time at the beach.

I would also ask that this stopping up order be considered by the Secretary of State at the same time as the planning applications so that he may see the full picture.

Please take the opportunity to review this and take a sensible approach as this will have a significant impact not only on the local community and amenities, and also the lovely, unspoilt environment which is the Royal Military Canal. Routing the road closer to the canal will have a devastating effect on the wildlife and also on the amenities enjoyed by local people.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Clifford Sent from my iPad