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Dear Mrs. Parker

I can indeed confirm that this is my Supplementary Proof of Evidence, which should be read in conjunction with my original statement submitted on 3rd August.

Having seen the Council and the Peak and Northern Footpath Society evidence, we thought that we had better bring certain things to the Inspector's attention sooner rather than later, before the Inquiry gets formally underway next week.

I understand that I cannot write to him directly, but please could you pass this to email to the Inspector and once again please convey to him on my behalf that I am so sorry that I am not going to be able to attend the Inquiry, as I was looking forward to answering questions and more so having an opportunity to set the record straight on quite a few things here, which are completely false.

I wanted to also say that like my original Statement/Proof, my Supplementary Proof is accurate and contains nothing untoward. Whilst there have been clear issues with certain officers, these are my best recollections of events and I am only going on the best memory of what I was told by a Corporate Director of the Council. The Inspector need not make any further inquiries with me in that respect, as I am told he has with Mr. Cropper previously. Where the Council has any issues, then those are matters for it internally if that helps your administration at all.

I profoundly apologise again that I cannot attend the Public Inquiry and I appreciate how that might look.

However, I am the founder and Chairman of a global business built here in Huddersfield, and the availability of myself and my directors is absolutely crucial at present. This is the first month that we have effectively been allowed to travel since the start of the Pandemic, in what has been a very difficult time for the business and keeping almost 800 local and national jobs alive, like many others. Unfortunately, I am overseas for part of next week and the nature of the work means that I just cannot promise to be available, even over the airwaves.

I have provided Mr. Scanlon with various instructions in my absence, and hope that all of the information is of assistance and can be taken into account.

Yours sincerely

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