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Subject: : NATTRAN/Y&H/S247/4337 Proposed diversion of public footpath Footpath 60 (part) at Wolfstones Heights Farm, Holmfirth, Metropolitan Borough of Kirklees. Town & Country Planning Act 1990, Section 247
Date: 02 September 2020 15:16:39

To whom it may concern

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Re: NATTRAN/Y&H/S247/4337

Proposed diversion of public footpath Footpath 60 (part) at Wolfstones Heights Farm, Holmfirth, Metropolitan Borough of Kirklees. Town & Country Planning Act 1990, Section 247

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find below a letter of objection from Holmfirth Walkers are Welcome to this proposed Order under Section 247 of the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act.

Dear Sir/Madam

Holmfirth Walkers are Welcome would like to place an objection to the above proposal.

I represent Holmfirth Walkers are Welcome whose mission is to promote recreational walking for residents and tourists alike in the Holme Valley. Based at the Tourist Office in Holmfirth we have about 100 regular members.

This ancient path is not just any old path used by a few dog walkers but a very popular historical route used by locals and tourists alike. In fact, the leaflet incorporating this route is one of the most popular walking leaflets which we distribute from the tourist office in Holmfirth. Recreational walking is an important contribution to the local economy in the Holme Valley and this footpath is used by hundreds of walkers weekly throughout the year.

This historic path, part of which is an ancient coffin road, goes in an almost straight line from Netherthong to the summit of Wolfstones a very popular local beauty spot.

99% of users carry straight on across the road to the summit of Wolfstones made even more popular by the recent erection of a memorial near the summit.

This lengthy diversion will take users a considerable distance out of their way to emerge on a narrow and busy road. They will then have to negotiate this potentially dangerous road, it is impossible to walk on the verge due to large stones having been placed there, to regain the path to the summit..

This diversion, if passed, would benefit one person and considerably disadvantage 100's of users

To allow the diversion of this iconic and historic route would be an act of iconoclastic

vandalism!

John Ingham

Chair Holmfirth Walkers are Welcome

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From: [John](#)
To: NATIONALCASEWORK
Subject: FW: Holmfirth 60 (NATTRAN/Y&H/S247/4337)
Date: 26 September 2020 15:30:30

Hi

Please find attached Holmfirth Walkers Are Welcome 's response to Mr N Scanlon's comments on their objection to the above proposal.

Regards
John Ingham
Chair HWAW

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From: [John](#)
Sent: 26 September 2020 15:24
To: [Noel Scanlon](#)
Subject: Holmfirth 60 (NATTRAN/Y&H/S247/4337)

Dear Mr Scanlon

Thank you for your E mail.

Unfortunately I have been away with no access to E mail for the last two weeks so apologies for my tardy reply.

Seeing as I have missed your deadline I have taken the opportunity to visit the site and consider your comments. I can't see anything which addresses all the concerns we have in terms of user inconvenience and safety. Neither does it address our concerns over the issue of destroying part of an ancient right of way.

I lead walks with both the U3A and Walkers are Welcome and cannot see any advantages of the proposed diversion especially considering the nature of the groups I lead. Groups of elderly walkers and young families alike will be placed at considerable disadvantage if the diversion was to be allowed.

Consequently Holmfirth Walkers are Welcome will not be withdrawing their objection.

HWAW would prefer the secretary of state to use his discretion and not make an order rather than go to a public inquiry.

Yours sincerely

John Ingham
Holmfirth Walkers are Welcome

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