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To: [NATIONALCASEWORK](#)
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To the Secretary of State,

Further to the Public Notice issued with the above reference, I wish to object to the stopping up and diversion of a section of Kirklees footpath HOL/60/20.

This footpath forms part of a direct ridgeline walk from Netherthong village to the trig. point and new memorial at Wolfstone Heights, and beyond. It is a well-used path, and I, myself, use it on a number of occasions each year.

My main objection to the diversion is that it would introduce a section of road walking, on a bend and with no footpath, instead of a simple road crossing. This is a health and safety concern, particularly for large walking groups, of which there are many in the Holmfirth area.

However, in addition, my view is that, as a matter of principle, the stopping up and diversion of a long-established footpath should be allowed only in exceptional circumstances, and these should not include increased amenity, or financial value, for the landowner.

Finally, I note that the permitted development 2017/62/91374/W, referenced in the Public Notice, specifically states, "Public Footpath HOL/60/20 which crosses the application site shall not be unofficially obstructed or diverted at any time before, during or after development works." I trust that you will be taking full account of the views of Kirklees Council in making your decision.

Regards,
Glyn Hill,