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Dear Sirs,

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PROPOSED STOPPING UP AND DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH HOLMFIRTH 60 (PART) AT WOLFSTONES HEIGHTS FARM, WOLFSTONES ROAD, UPPERTHONG.

As a Holme Valley resident and as Hon Sec of the NCOM Walking group, I wish to register our objections to the proposed stopping up and diversion of the public footpath at Wolfstones Heights on the following grounds:

- (1) The diversion destroys the continuity of the ridge line walk from Wolfstones Heights down to Netherthong. This walk has some of the finest views in the Holme Valley and has a high amenity value, with the many local walkers using this path.
- (2) The diversion forces walkers to use the public road, rather than follow the existing off-road public footpath when walking from Wolfstones Heights down to Netherthong.

Both these are at variance with the Kirklees Local Plan and the draft Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan. Both Plans seek to encourage and promote safer walking and the creation of a pleasant environment for walking – this proposal does neither. This was recognised by Kirklees Council when they rejected the planning application for the public footpath diversion in January 2020.

The only benefit appears to be the increased privacy of the people living in the properties either side of the existing public pathway. We consider this is not sufficient justification for the loss of amenity and increased safety risk to the many local walkers using this footpath.

We also are also not convinced that the stopping-up of the public footpath is necessary "to enable development to be carried out in accordance with planning permissions granted by Kirklees Council under references 2014/62/92814/W and 2017/62/91374/W", as set out in the proposed Order. The most recent 2017 planning permission shows no work across the footpath?

Please note that as secretary of the NCOM Walking group with 10 regular members, I also wish to register the objection of this local community group as well.

We request that the Secretary State does not make an Order to authorise the stopping up and diversion of a length of Footpath Holmfirth 60, at the Wolfstones Heights Farm site, at Holmfirth in the Metropolitan Borough of Kirklees.

Yours faithfully
John Queening