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Proposed diversion of HOL/60/20 at Wolfstones Heights Farm, Netherthong

I would like to voice my objection to this diversion as a resident of the neighbouring parish of Upperthong for the past 34 years. I have regularly walked this path for many years..

HOL/60/20 is part of a clear, established and mapped right of way that goes across fields, in a straight line, from the village of Netherthong to Wolfstones. It is shown on all the historic OS Yorkshire 272 6-inch and 25-inch maps published from 1854 to 1949. It is also on current OS maps and the current route and proposed diversion are shown clearly on the Kirklees Rights of Way on-line map. The path links the former small community at Wolfstones with the village of Netherthong and the Parish Church. Although times have changed, these paths have a place in our history and there is no good reason to change the route. The owner of the property will have known the Right of Way existed at purchase. The current route does not pass in front of the farmhouse or interfere with the stable areas.

The proposed diversion route would join Wolfstones Road, approximately 125 yards to the north of the current junction, at a bend with poor vision and no pavement. There is some grass verge but there is no safe way to get from this bend back on to the footpath network. Currently walkers have two alternatives. One is to access the trig point at the impressive Wolfstones Heights, by going straight across the road at the junction with Wolfstones Road, a crossing which has good visibility in both directions. Alternatively, walkers turn left and walk down a short section of road, with good lines of sight, to quickly join HOL/71/20 and walk past Carr Farm and across fields to the village of Upperthong. The proposed diversion would add approximately 125 yards of road walking to either of these routes. There are no other off-road walking routes through the area.

I use this path regularly, as a solo walker, with friends, and as a volunteer walk leader with the Kirklees 'Walking for Health' initiative. This group can consist of up to about 20 walkers, and I try to choose routes to minimise road walking. It is clear that the proposed route would be less safe for our walkers.

I hope you will reject this application.