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Subject: Holmfirth public footpath 60 at Wolfstones Road

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Dear Sir

I wish to object to the proposed stopping up and diversion of the above footpath for the following reasons.

1. The footpath runs from Netherthong to Wolfstones Height in a virtual straight line and predates the Netherthong Enclosure act of 1826, witness the stone stiles constructed at the same time in order to facilitate foot traffic. The path is very popular with families, dog walkers and visitors to the area. It is a mystery why anyone would purchase a property with such a history and then wish to elbow aside the rights of pedestrians that have existed for nearly 200 years and reroute them along a synthetic and a glaring unnatural arcing diversion. The vernacular architecture and atmosphere of the area is natural and precious. The proposed footpath would detract irrevocably from that.
2. The security and privacy of the residents of the buildings are not compromised whatsoever. There are no piercings in the walls of the adjacent buildings for windows or doors, therefore pedestrians cannot see in and residents cannot see out.
3. Wolfstones Road itself is a single carriageway, national speed limit road, quite narrow and consequently has no central white line. It curves and rises fairly steeply over the shoulder of the hill to a bend then falls, curving steeply away on the far side. The road is heavily used by inhabitants of the dormitory village of Uppertong as a means of avoiding the congestion in the centre of Holmfirth as they travel to and from Huddersfield. Commuter traffic is not renowned for its leisurely driving style. The existing path crosses this road at the shoulder of the hill and forms a refuge on either side to wait until the road is clear of traffic in either direction. The proposed diversion would deposit the pedestrians onto the road some distance from this crossing, necessitating a walk of some 130 metres or thereabouts along the road verge. It is on this section of road that pedestrians are at their most vulnerable. Children are doubly at risk. Furthermore, it is on this section of the road that the attitude of a vehicle going towards Uppertong is rising and facing in a South to South Westerly direction so that the likelihood of the driver being dazzled by the afternoon or evening sun is a distinct possibility.
4. If the rerouting of the footpath was an improvement or even an acceptable alternative I would have absolutely no objection whatsoever but if the rerouting goes ahead as planned it will be very nice for the residents but at considerable risk to the pedestrian users.

Yours sincerely

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