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Dear Sir/Madam

Only yesterday did I see the notice relating to the stopping up and diversion of the public footpath at Wolfstones Heights. I have used the existing footpath for many years but not in the last 2 years because of serious illness and shielding during lockdown.

I object to this stopping up of the existing route.

This is a case of a landowner wishing to change a right that has long existed and replace it with an indirect route which enters/exits Wolfstone Heights Road at some considerable distance from the existing path. The owners would have known of the path when purchasing the property and have lived with it for many years.

The landowner has already provided the alternative route as a permissive path. This provides an option for walkers, some of whom may not wish to walk between the farm buildings. For the few intending to go down the road towards Honley or coming from that direction it is shorter. The majority, however, will be forced to take a longer route no longer following the ridge to/from Netherthong nor giving a direct crossing to/from the trig point. Instead they would have to walk on the pathless road around a bend exposing them to traffic.

It is not acceptable for an old right of way to be stopped for the convenience of the landowner.

I have read the Council's lengthy submissions and, despite finding the Council inadequate in many of my dealings with it, consider in this instance it is entirely correct. I also consider the allegations of bullying etc by agent(s) of the applicant should be investigated.

I do not wish to appear at the Inquiry.

Kind regards  
Stephen Cook

Sent from my iPad