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Subject: Proposed rerouting of Wolfstones footpath. 60 Holmfirth

Hello,

Although very much a personal interest in this particular case, I'm keen to make my feelings known to the case. I am Richards, (the owner of the property through which the footpath runs,) eldest daughter.

In December 2008 I was involved in an incident at the house that, (10 years on,) still grieves me. I have been unable to fully recover my mental well-being. That evening, Richard and Sandra has gone out and left me in charge of my (then 3 year old,) son and my brother, (6 years old at the time in question.)

It was dark and snowy. I was sat in the conservatory watching tv with the boys when a dishevelled, bloodied man pressed his hands and face against the glass before barging in. He'd come straight onto the path from Holmfirth via Netherthong where he'd stopped for a brawl. He was COVERED in blood. He made advances towards me, grabbing at me and the boys shouting menacingly. I managed to grab a fire poker and instructed the kids to head upstairs to the bathroom, (the property sinks below ground level at the rear and I knew there'd be an escape. I held the man at bay whilst I ran to join the boys. We barricaded ourselves into the bathroom using an old blanket box and some old timber. The boys were screaming and the police were called along with my parents. We were barricaded in there for what felt like hours but was actually little over 15 minutes. I have struggled with being alone in a property since. The man was arrested and pleaded not guilty to assault.

To say I am now petrified of my parents house isn't even the half of it. I have panic attacks and reoccurring nightmares. My husband is an HGV driver and has had to stay on day work only, for considerably less money as I can't be alone at night.

That foot path has caused so much grief. I was also present when my dads house burned to ashes and the fire crew couldn't get down immediately for risk of blocking a right of way. This as villagers were asked up the path to gawp.

Personal issues aside, I'm actually very proud of the the proposed diversion. It is actually a safer option with clear visibility up and down Wolfstones Road when exiting and a grass verge for safety. The current exit is almost immediately upon a blind bend. Lighting and seating areas have been proposed. As a keen runner and walker, I have tested the route and it's a well thought out proposal.

I hope my opinion can be counted, despite the personal interest. Regardless, I want the real implications and justification to be heard.

With best wishes

Joanna Butterfield