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To whom it may concern

FAO: Secretary of State

Proposed diversion of public footpath, Holmfirth 60 (part) at Wolfstone Heights Farm, Wolfstones Road, Upperthong.

We are writing to you in support of the proposed diversion to the public pathway following the Notices seen; we walk our dogs in this area twice a day and feel this would be an excellent opportunity to improve the current public pathway.

Both my husband and I have lived at [redacted] for nearly 3 years, and have frequented the area for walks for the last 10 years as a couple and over 30 years for Dan and his family; his mother lives at [redacted]

We have taken this new route a number of times and it enhances the walk dramatically and provides a safe and beautiful route. We often take different circuits as part of our daily dog walks and although it may be considered less direct, ourselves and other walkers are doing so for leisure, therefore it enhances our walking experience. We can also let our dogs off their leads, or at least on a long lead here, which we cannot do on the current public path.

We are really impressed with the landscaping of the new path and it is an opportunity to take in the views. We shall continue to frequent this proposed route as it also feels less invasive to the two properties either side of the existing path.

We both often walk in the morning and evening where traffic can be quite heavy on this road and in the winter it can be quite dark. This route at least provides some safety from the road which again, is a real benefit of its adoption.

We strongly support this new public pathway.

Yours faithfully

Richard Paxman & Dan Bamforth

