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Subject: Reference to the proposed Footpath 60 at Wolfstones, Uppershong.

Dear Secretary of state

I am writing in reference to the proposed Footpath 60 at Wolfstones, Uppershong.

I am a local resident of Honley, and extremely familiar with the footpath that runs past Wolfstone Heights Farm at Uppershong.

My three young children and I have now started using the new path, though I'm not sure if official or not, but what I can say is that this is a massive improvement to my regular walk from Holmfirth, through to Uppershong and back to Holmfirth via Wolfstones. Whilst it takes me a little further down Wolfstones Road from Uppershong village before I join the new path, most of my walk up until this point has been on tarmac roads so it is hardly a major issue doing another 200 yds on tarmac, though of late we have been using a neat grass verge down the side of the road at the side of the house and linking the old and new paths, this is ideal as we face oncoming traffic whilst being on the right side of the road and with great visibility in both directions. This is a major advantage when walking with such young children, as safety is high on my list of priorities when out walking with them.

We love the new seating area on the path, and this is situated to enjoy what is probably the very best view in West Yorkshire looking out over the whole valley from this vantage point. Even the pond with ducks is perfectly placed for us all to enjoy, and my youngest daughter, Isabella has aptly named this new 'route' the duck walk - she loves it. I would also say what a lovely job the family living at Wolfstone Heights Farm have done of restoring the property after their terrible fire a few years ago, at the same time as sorting out the rebuilding of the house it seems that have restored most of the dry-stone walls around the fields and down the side of the footpath, they seem to have been on with this for years now making it nice for all. I must say however, we don't miss having invading their privacy when the old path went straight past their bathroom window at eye level. This always used to be the most stressful part of our walk, as trying to stop three youngsters from being extra inquisitive is a hard job when out 'exploring' - I'm not surprised they want the diversion, I would too.

Please take my comments into account when deciding upon this diversion, I hope it becomes formalised soon.

Kind Regards

Helen Haywood.