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To: The Secretary of State

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Ref: Footpath diversion Holmfirth 60, Wolfstones Road, Upperthong

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to write and add my support to the thoughtful and attentive work undertaken by the landowner on this re-routed section of footpath. I regularly walk in this area with fellow walkers and my own young family and have done for many years.

The new route is fantastic and a significant improvement on the previous route, which in all honesty felt like I was walking through a corridor into someone's back garden. In fact a number of my friends have thought that they had made a wrong turn somewhere while following the previous route. Walking the new route along the side of an open field and pond is much better. I particularly noticed the bench which some of my more elderly friends have made use of on more than one occasion, it's a bit of a hike up the hill and a welcome point to take in the views.

My usual route starts in Netherthong and goes up through Wolfstones before turning right and going down the footpath to Wood Nook and Honley. Previously I would have to walk out onto a nasty section of road at Wolfstones with a blind corner. The new route is much safer and clearly well thought out. I feel I should support and endorse the new route as a vast improvement on what there was previously.

Kind Regards

Alastair Day