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Subject: Footpath diversion Holmfirth Footpath 60

Dear Secretary of State

I've had the privilege of living in the Colne Valley, the edge of the Peak District and currently in the Calder Valley, having walked locally both on my own, with my husband and also my grandchildren, I decided to take the grandchildren on a walk which I had done on countless times with their parents. Footpath 60 Holmfirth.

I was delighted to find a new route was in place diverting us away from a section that cuts through two houses and leads directly onto a road on a blind bend. I remember having to begin reigning in my excited children historically as the road approached and being concerned my hollowing would effect the peace and quiet of other walkers and the neighbours enjoying their peace and quiet in truly glorious setting. Whilst sitting with the children on a new bench eating our sandwiches enjoying the view of the pond and lovely scenery, I was informed by a fellow walker that this fabulous new route was under threat of being removed back in favour of the old route!! What madness! who on earth could possibly object? Apparently a whole Facebook page of people! Ridiculous this absolutely smacks of someone with resentment for someone living in this beautiful setting. How many of these people who have signed this petition have actually walked this amazing foot path and it's glorious new provisions, stunning views and enhanced safety aspects.

On a final note I wish you were able to come up and enjoy a cup of Yorkshire tea and actually see for yourself the new and greatly improved route.

Please let common sense prevail as at this time, more than ever we need these wonderful walks to clear our heads and keep our mental health in tact.

Yours sincerely

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