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**To:** NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** proposed Footpath 60 Diversion application

Dear sirs

I write in support of the proposed Footpath 60 Diversion application

I live and run my electrical business in the Holme Valley, and I know the old and Footpath 60 route extremely well having walked it with my family for many years. I have also got used to using the new diverted route, and in my opinion, it is a huge improvement over the old driveway route.

It not only gives privacy to the residents of Wolfstone Heights Farm , the house that they have been renovating for many ears and whilst not fully finished where it crosses the old path, it is beautiful and such a shame they can't complete the joining together of the renovations until the path is diverted, it is a much nicer route to walk.

The old driveway is dangerous when shared with cars and walkers / runners, and I can't understand why there is a social media campaign underway encouraging people to object, when it is so much better for all involved.

The exit onto the road from the new path is a wholesale improvement over the old exit point, and whilst we generally walk in the direction of Upperthong turning left from the new path exit, it is massively safer as it is now possible to spot traffic in both directions. It adds a few minutes onto our walk, which I see as a good thing, and we can now walk up the side of the road in safety due to the grass verge prepared for walking on. Though in reality, this is now the only stretch of roadside walking in the whole area with any form of footpath.

I completely support the diversion and cannot understand why this process is taking so long, and I can't understand why this was not put to bed back in January when it went to committee.

I assume that you will take my points into consideration, and this matter can then be closed down and we stop wasting ratepayer's money fighting an improvement for all concerned.

Yours Sincerely

Andy P Rook