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Dear Secretary of State,

I'm writing regarding the above as I feel I have very valid points to raise as a supporter and frequent user of the proposed new diverted footpath.

I regularly walk my dogs through Netherthong and up the fields to Wolfstones and must say that the new unofficial path is my path of choice for several reasons...

Number 1 reason is that from a Health and Safety point of view it's far far safer than negotiating the tarmac drive, as this becomes slippery, especially in winter. There's also the obvious issue that it's a driveway so we often have to get out of the way of vehicles without much warning! Why would people want to walk up a drive?? It's stressful!

The second reason is that, in my opinion, the new path is much more scenic and very relaxing to use. The landowner has installed 2 benches along the footpath from which the great panoramic views can be appreciated. There is a duck pond directly in front of the path and fields of ponies to enhance the experience, much more preferable to walking up a drive with high walls either side and no view.

The third reason comes from a place of frustration.. I overhear conversations in my local pub where I work about the proposed new footpath, along the lines of 'it's a nicer route but then we don't get to see what they're doing at the big house'!! I find these people both hypocritical and petty and feel that their objections have no validity whatsoever.

If you would like to discuss my points further then please contact me either by email or phone

Kind regards  
Helen Waldrom