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Dear National Transport Casework Team ,

I would like to state that I am in favour of the new Holmfirth Footpath 60 Diversion at Wolfstones as it is an improvement with no negative impact that I can see.

As a keen country walker I always feel I am being intrusive when a footpath takes me down someone's drive or through their property and I'm forced to impose on their privacy. The new path spares both parties any awkwardness and makes for a much more enjoyable walk. The new path gives a nice view of the hills and pond which is far better than the old path where you have to hurry along the drive to avoid intruding on the family that lives there.

In regards to those objecting about the extra distance, I think they should remember that they are out for a walk! A few more steps really won't make a difference. If you are going to Honley the new path actually saves you steps. In any case, I see arguing that it adds steps to a walk as a bit of a nonsense.

Further, the exit/entrance from the road is no more dangerous than the original path, though I've read that some feel it is. In fact, I would say that the new exit/entrance is much safer as it allows for clear views for traffic in either direction - and we don't have to worry about cars coming up the drive with the new path!

I would suggest that there is really no impact to using the proposed new path and in fact it is a bit safer and actually much more pleasant.

With so many of our paths being neglected due to lack of resources I feel there are much bigger challenges on our hands that we could address, and we should accept that though this is a change, it is also an improvement.

I vote YES to the new diversion.

Sincerely,

Iain Wood