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Dear Secretary of State ,

I wish to write to you to advise you that i would like it to be recorded that I and my wife Karen whole and totally fully support the Proposed diversion of Footpath 60,Upperthong ,in OUR Holme Valley .

WE have during the Past 50 years Lived ,worked , played ,brought up 7 children, and 13 grand children ,and for many years lived in Upperthong , and therefore for all those years walked , the route between Netherton Village and Upperthong and continue to do so , even this afternoon and we know for certain , that Following the New Route has Private open paths ,is a lot more scenic ,peaceful and pleasant views , with seated area (vast improvement ) and upon joining Wolfstone road ,we feel much safer exiting as the site lines are greater (previously on a Blind bend )onto the Wolfstone Road.

AS somebody who has dedicated his life to conservation ,greatly supporting 5 local charities , including "the Leslie Sports Foundation "successfully attracting a outdoor life style and activities to over 35 soccer teams ,both boys and girls ,, working constantly for the full support of unpaid Carers ,locally and nationally , and having created the first ever all seater "John Smiths" Stadium , and chairing same with Kirklees Council I find it totally incredulous that some one /persons with obviously a personal vendetta has orchestrated an on line /media campaign , from most people who live no where near OUR Valley ,, to get and original full approval granted by the parish council and Kirklees ,reversed.. completely wrong .

The new Labour councillor enticing people to vote against the new route is in my opinion completely out of order especially as he himself doe not even live in Huddersfied never mind the Holme valley .

Their time ,resource and money should be wholly and totally spent on saving jobs , helping our mental health and care home difficulties and securing ALL peoples lives in the Holme Valley ..

In conclusion may i say that the new proposed and previously agreed route is Safer and more scenic and a credit to those who initially wanted what was best for the area ,,

OUR Valley ,, the "Last of the Summer Wine .

Kindest Regards

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