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The Secretary of State

Ref – Footpath Diversion, Footpath 60, Uppershong

I write after becoming rather incensed on seeing the article in the Huddersfield Examiner on Friday night, by a new labour Councillor enticing votes and lobbying against the path diversion. What a waste of time and public money.

We're talking about diverting a footpath

Frankly and unfortunately i'm not surprised about the decision making process and politics exhibited by councilors on the various committees within Kirklees, particularly having now seen on U-tube exactly how these meetings are conducted and decisions are made. They are a complete embarrassing representation of Kirklees. It's clear it's full of antiquated and partisan individuals who are past their sell by date.

I would expect a steady stream of appeals coming your way.

I therefore wish to register my support of the proposed diversion of Footpath 60, Uppershong Holmfirth.

My wife and I have lived in the Holme Valley for over 20 years, and have been enthusiastic walkers throughout the area but also using the route between Netherthong Village, and Uppershong, as a regular walking route that takes us down Wolfstones Road in the direction of Honley after exiting the path route near Wolfstone Heights.

We had seen the diversion notification notices at each end of the path and have been using the alternative path since it was first opened, and we can confirm that it is a huge improvement on the old driveway route that previously took us alongside the entrance into Wolfstone Heights Farm.

We see this change as a significant and positive improvement from walking so closely to a private residential property, after all walking in this fabulous country side is the objective.

The new route has us walking on a wide open path, in fact considerably better in terms of surface and width than the majority of the remaining footpath 60 route. It is also considerably more scenic, with somewhere to sit and enjoy the amazing views compared to walking between stone walls on tarmac. When we get to the end of the new path, we join Wolfstones Road onto a wide cobbled area, giving far better sight-lines in both directions, so a huge improvement for road safety compared to a previous exit onto a blind bend, if turning left towards Upperthong, there is now a well maintained grass verge that links the two points to avoid walking on the road, again a great improvement for all.

I hope my comments can be taken into account as part of your process, it is entirely wrong that so much lobbying and cost is going on in the background for what is a much improved route.

"after all its only a minor diversion to and not an elimination of a walking route."

Your Sincerely,

David & Luisa Scacchetti

Sent from my iPhone