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To: The Secretary of State

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REF: Footpath diversion Holmfirth 60, Wolfstones Road, Upperthong.

To whom it may concern,

I have seen the diversion notices on the surrounding route and thought I would write to provide my opinion on the proposed alteration and my support for this.

I have used this route for many years and more recently have started to take my children (7 and 5 years old) along the route, the views are spectacular and it is very peaceful to walk on the weekend.

I have always been a little apprehensive as we approach the intersection with Wolfstones Road, this is a blind corner when approaching from Upperthong and as the intersection to the footpath is also a driveway it can be quite dangerous, so I have obvious concerns for my children's safety. Based on this I have recently trialled the new route and we all feel is a great improvement over the existing route. The new route diverts away from the driveway (which when cars approach creates a high sided pinch point) and provides a dedicated route with far seeking views over the whole surrounding area, it is a much more pleasant and relaxing route and far safer for my family to walk. The addition of the duck pond is also focal point and an additional benefit that comes with the new route which we have spent time watching. As you come to the end of the new route and exit onto Wolfstones Road it is also much safer, we can easily see traffic approaching from both directions making it a much easier transition back on to the section of road, also as we walk towards Honley it also means that our means that our walk is a little shorter.

Based on all of the benefits that this provides and the improvements in safety I am happy to support the diversion to the new proposed route.

Your sincerely

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