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Footpath Diversion Holmfirth 60

Dear Secretary of State

As an avid walker around our beautiful countryside of Yorkshire, in particular the area of Holmfirth, which is famous for the production of 'Last of the Summer Wine', whilst walking in the local area and looking at the planning notices and then being made aware of the objections on social media, I am disappointed that there can be objections from individual's to the newly created footpath diversion around Wolfstones Heights and Wolfstones Heights Farm. I would like to think that the proposed diverted route would be a much better and easier route to take, the existing route can sometimes be a little difficult passing through Wolfstone heights Farm and feel a little intrusive of the owners privacy.

This area is in my opinion is classed as an area of outstanding natural beauty. Walking around these parts is a pleasure and should not be used as a short cut, short cuts should not be part of a leisurely walk, and therefore, how can it be plausible that objectors would rather walk up a shared drive for 100m, intruding someones privacy, rather than taking the scenic diversion route for 400m. If you are out on a walk for the enjoyment taking such a short cut it beyond belief, this does therefore, demonstrate that people are objecting the new proposed route for the sake of objection rather than contemplating the reasons behind the new proposed route, in that the new route has better terrain, safer due to clearer view of any approaching traffic, does not involve walking up a tarmac drive in between 2 enclosed walls, rather than scenic views, has better panoramic views, a very nicely placed bench for resting and also being able to enjoy the wildlife around the pond and fields. Why should anyone who enjoys nature at its best, take objections to a new proposed route that is only full of positive aspects.

I believe the new diversion is for the greater good to walkers and property owners alike.

Yours sincerely

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