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**To:** NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Footpath diversion 60 at wolfstone Heights , Holmfirth

Dear Sir/Madam

I am contacting you in relation to the proposed footpath diversion at Wolfstones, Upperthong.

My wife and I walk this route most weekends, with our young daughter and dog. After many years of walking this route we think the new route is a vast improvement. It is certainly so much safer for our daughter as it allows her run safely along the new path without the risk of meeting vehicles exit or entering the driveway which leaves very little room. It also allows us to let our dog run off the lead, without the concern of him running into the property of the family that live at the house there, who's driveway forms part of the old route. Whilst the family there are very friendly, I would always rather avoid walking directly and so closely past a property – it feels like an invasion of privacy, so I can only imagine how the family there feel about it.

The new footpath is a lovely improvement to the area. When speaking to the owners of the property and commenting on what a lovely job they have done of their property and the new footpath, I was very surprised to hear that there has been quite a few objections. I really cannot understand why. Friends and family that come to stay with us every now and then, comment on how this footpath is far nicer than many other local routes. It has such spectacular views. We have often wandered up there from Netherthong just because our daughter loves to see the horses and the ducks, and we enjoy a picnic on the bench that they have put in place on the new path. We generally walk towards Upperthong from the end of the new footpath route as it is a much safer route to Netherthong, via other footpaths in the Upperthong direction, than the most direct route by road, from there. The new path means we add a few extra minutes to our walk but that's no issue as we walk for pleasure anyway and there is a safe road-side grass path which the family have put in place to improve safety when walking on this stretch of road.

We do hope that the footpath diversion to the new route is approved, as the new permanent route, for everyone to continue to enjoy.

Yours,

Mr R Barber

Sent from my iPhone