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To: NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: Footpath Diversion Holmfirth 60

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in with reference to the stopping up and diversion of a length of Footpath Holmfirth 60 at Wolfstones Heights Farm site, Holmfirth in the Metropolitan Borough of Kirklees.

The purpose of this email is to lend my SUPPORT for the diversion.

My passion is hill walking and I spend as many days as possible each year enjoying the great outdoors. Living locally I know this area extremely well indeed and walk this and many other footpaths regularly.

Over the last few years I have seen the development come together at the Farm - it has been a pleasure watching the skilled dry stone wallers handpicking pieces stone from the stock piles and creating such wonderful field boundaries.

The builder and landowner have done a super job - very much in keeping with local area and it is good to see real stone craftsmen at work. The new footpath route they have created really sets the area off - it is a major improvement creating a much improved vista out to the Netherthong and Holmfirth to the East.

With the old route my back was facing towards the view whilst walking up the hill - one would often forget to look back!

The 90' right turn where the duck pond is encourages you to look back and then again as it curves up towards Wolfstones Road.

I'm really impressed how the designer/architect has incorporated this bit of footpath in to the design.

It is a significant improvement on the walking experience both uphill (from the east) and also back downhill.

The bench seating is also a welcome addition on the new footpath stretch and encourages people/walkers to take advantage of a 'well earned break' - I often spend some all important 'mindful time' looking across to the East.

Mostly whilst completing this route I turn right when getting to Wolfstones Road and head towards Oldfield/Netherthong but if I do go left towards the trig point then it is good to be able to see clearly in both directions at the new access point on to Wolfstones Road.

It is not often that I would go on to write such a letter/email of support but this is such a considered project that I wanted to put my views forward as a hill walking/leisure user.

It is one of my favourite leisure routes and the diversion without doubt enhances the walking experience.

Well done to all those involved!

Regards

Stewart

PS My wife feels the same way!

Stewart Brown