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Reference: NATTRAN/Y&H/S247/4337 Holmfirth Footpath 60 Support for Diversion.

Dear Sir/Madam

I feel that I must write in support of the proposed stopping up and diversion order. I am an Incorporated Engineer of considerable experience, being a Fellow of the Institute of Highways Engineers and a Member of the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation.

I am now retired but have worked for various Local Authorities throughout England and Wales over the last 40 years as a Senior Engineer dealing with highway development control and transportation issues.

I was surprised to read in the local press that Mr. Butterfield's application had previously been refused on highway safety grounds. In my opinion the use of the junction of footpath 60 with access to the Trig Point land at Wolfstones Heights is far more detrimental to highway and pedestrian safety than the proposed diversion termination point further down Wolfstones Road. The current situation at the brow of the hill is a serious accident waiting to happen in my view.

The proposed diversion route, which I have walked, apart from being far more pleasant, is much safer with much wider sight lines. This is in contrast to the Trig Point land entrance opposite the termination of the current Footpath 60. I strongly urge the Secretary of State from a safety point of view alone to authorise this stopping up and diversion.

Yours sincerely  
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