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Hello

I am an ex-pat living in the Loire Valley, France and my husband and I are the proprietors of a French Manoir retreat.

Together we will often visit my hometown. I grew up in Netherthong and have fond memories of the village during the 60's and 70's.

During my trip 'home,' last year I noticed the proposed footpath diversion at the top of the Netherthong/Uperthong walkway and am surprised to note that the diversion was initially rejected. I am pleased that the proposal will be re-submitted and I wish to offer my opinion.

As young children, my friends and I would often 'knock about,' at Wolfstone Heights. the building was originally a few cottages and our playmate resided in the middle one. We picnicked in the large field where his family kept cattle.

When we walked the new route in 2019, it was a real trip down memory lane. We were able to see right over the field where I spent many an hour in my youth. I could easily point out the old dam, (at the farm on Moor Lane,) the footpath from the Knoll to Deanhouse, the location of the old workhouse and Mill at Deanbrook. It is extremely pleasing to see the development of the old cottage building and installation of a pretty pond. The views from the new path allow visibility as far as Emley, (and if weather conditions allow, often beyond.)

Certainly from the perspective of somebody wishing to have a walk out in the stunning countryside, the diversion is very much welcomed.

From a safety point of view I see little regression at the revised exit gate. Originally the exit point was at the peak of a private drive onto an extremely steep and cambered bend. I have no objection to walking a couple of hundred yards further on the walkable verge when traffic visibility is improved in both directions.

Sincerely

Joan Archard

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