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Subject: Highways Act 1980 S.119 - Proposed Diversion of Purton 104
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Dear Ali,

I reject to the proposed division to Purton 104, a route I regularly walk.

1. This road is an Ancient road road , as shown in Time Team 1994 , Series 2 , Episode 3. This road has been in existence for more than 1000 years. I still wish to walk it.

2. Recently the obstructions shown on the route have made it difficult to walk, a footpath should not be blocked under any circumstances.

3. The applicant refers to Government Guidance dated August 2023 titled "Government guidance on diversion or extinguishment of public rights of way that pass through private dwellings, their curtilages and gardens, farmyards and industrial or commercial premises". Section 8 of this guidance states the guidance ... "does not apply to gardens, dwellings or commercial premises which do not have the necessary permission for the current use of the land (most land and property will have an authorised use, either by way of existence of that use prior to the Town and Country Planning Act 1947 or, post 1947, either by way of an implemented planning permission or an authorised use as a consequence of a relevant period of use)." The land through which PURT104 passes is agricultural land, not domestic (garden). Therefore, as per the section 8 of the guidance, the guidance does not apply in this circumstance and cannot be used as a reason to divert the right of way.

4. I love walking this path, and I wish to continue doing so.

Kind regards
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