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Subject: Objection to diversion of Footpath SMAN13
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Dear Ali Roberts,

I would like to register my objection to the diversion of SMAN13.

For context: my family bought a farm in this area 1911. Throughout my childhood I enjoyed the extensive network of footpaths, bridleways and byways. As an adult I have lived here since 1986 and continue to explore the local public Rights of Way. There has, of course, been much change.

These ancient routes have been in use for many hundreds of years and should only ever be closed or diverted for a very good reason.

As many others have already stated, the new owners were fully aware of the ROW running over the property when they bought it. Over the past years they have made significant alterations including removing the hedge that screened the footpath. Their stated reasons for seeking to divert the path ("privacy and security") are not a sufficient reason to justify its diversion, as detailed by other local residents.

This is not, however, about localism, local resentment of incomers or change, but about the respect for existing, long established, legal, public Rights of Way.

I ask that the footpath remain unchanged.

Best wishes,

Claire Morris