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To: [Roberts, Ali](#)
Subject: Proposed diversion of footpath SMAN13
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Dear Ali,

We wish to register our objection to the revised proposal to divert footpath SMAN13.

Responding specifically to points in the 1980 Highway Act:

- the proposed diversion is substantially **less convenient for the public** being both longer and less direct.

- more importantly, the proposed diversion runs much closer to the proposed new solar array which will be much more visible from the path - this can only have a substantially **negative impact on public enjoyment** of the route.

There are no guarantees that the proposed planting of trees and a new orchard would materialise as such proposals are unenforceable and, in any case, would likely be ineffective in screening the large, incongruous solar panel array. The diversion does, therefore, represent a **lessening of public enjoyment and a loss of public amenity**.

It remains the case that the issue of loss of privacy which the proposal largely hinges on is entirely a result of the owners own actions, and quite possibly a contrivance specifically designed to force through the footpath diversion. It is surely important that individuals are not simply allowed to manipulate the guidance at the expense of the wider public.

Issues of heritage raised in the earlier objections have been largely ignored; nonetheless it is our belief that these ancient footpaths are, as we previously argued, an important part of our history and heritage, and as such are community assets which should not be simply disregarded in favour of individual gain and self interest.

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