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Dear Joanna

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT – S257 – PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.27 DIVERSION ORDER 2021

I refer to your correspondence dated 9th March 2022 in connection with the above matter. I am writing to you on behalf of the applicant for the Footpath Diversion Order.

Having reviewed the Statement of Case issued by the Local Authority, we consider that the objections presented to the proposed diversion order have been comprehensively addressed by the Local Authority. Planning permission was first granted for the diversion on the public footpath under application SMD/2019/0452, with the corresponding footpath diversion application having been in the system for over 18 months. In determining the planning application no concerns were raised by the Local Authority about the diversion of the public footpath, and we support the conclusions in their Statement of Case.

The footpath diversion is proportionate in relation to the approved scheme and the housing requirements of the District, with the Council noted to be unable to demonstrate a five year supply of housing as required by the National Planning Policy Framework, and the proposal represents only a minor increase in the length of the public footpath. The footpath will furthermore have a width of 2 metres, presenting a suitable walking environment for its users.

I would respectfully request that these comments be taken into consideration in the assessment of the Footpath Diversion.

Yours sincerely



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