

Application Reference No. : HFP/2020/0002 Site Address: Shallcross Foundry Elnor Lane Whaley Bridge Derbyshire SK23 7JN High Peak Comments by: Derek Bodey Peak and Northern Footpath Society

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Submission: Neither

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon this proposed diversion. Its need has been inevitable from the day that the planning permission for housing was granted. The diversion is short and is being sensitively created. Having made a site visit, provided the surface is sorted out the diversion is acceptable and is of no detriment to walkers.

However, what is detrimental to walkers (including many residents) is the obstruction of the path during the works, given the approved method statements which promises to maintain the path whilst contraction is happening. This is currently not possible safely and should not have been promised. However, the site manager informed me that on completion of the two houses (either side of the proposed diversion) the path could be reopened and separated from the building works. He estimated this at 6 weeks from 6 April. The authority should insist upon this reopening asap and not issue any further (if requested) temporary closure orders. The path is too important to be lost to residents and other walkers for a moment longer than absolutely essential.

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