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Subject: Letter of Support: Ref: ROW/3350303 and ROW/3350304

Dear Ms Sparks

Further to my previous correspondence pointing out the horrors of reopening an extinct and long forgotten bridle path, I am led to believe an objection to keeping this 'open' has been received.

Please will you forgive my utter disbelief on hearing this news. This path simply no longer exists, it is a collapsed water gully and has been for decades. It has completely gone back to nature with trees, boulders and undergrowth that now play an invaluable role in slowing the torrents of water that rush down the steep hill behind our houses. Nature has given us our most effective defence and the removal, by human interference, like so many of our country's natural water defences have been, would have the exact same outcome. The creation of a super waterway... any imported surface washed away in an instant, pathway closed indefinitely, flooding downstream.

I have to question why do this? The current permissive bridle path/footpath that has been opened up by the land owners has been carefully planned to remain enjoyably passable all year round. It is a lovely walk up to the top for all ages and makes a very welcome change from past years where the enforced bog wading made dog walking duties pretty traumatic.

I ask you please, to uphold the totally sensible decision of the local Council.

Yours sincerely

Rowan Galvin-Wright

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