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Subject Diversion of Footpath no. 3,Hilton

Dear Madam,

I am writing further to our application for diversion of the above footpath. At the moment the right of way passes through our yard very close to our house and buildings. The buildings contain various items of implements and equipment, some valuable, and it is not practicable to make them entirely secure. There has at times been theft of such items and this has certainly been facilitated by the existence of the right of way.

The other problem is that the storage of feed in the yard involves the use of heavy machinery to move it in and out. This obviously has health and safety implications for members of the public using the right of way and the diversion we have suggested would make life a lot safer and easier for both them and us.

In recent months planning permission has been granted for a number of holiday/equestrian enterprises in the area and we are concerned that these could lead to an increase in foot-traffic through our premises which would add to the problems.

The diversion itself only involves moving the section which runs through the yard (about 30 metres long) to the bottom of the orchard; a distance of about 50 metres from where it is currently. Access from either side of the orchard would be by personnel gates, in effect the same as now through the yard. The only difference I can see that this would make to the public is that it would be a more pleasant walk.

If you need any further information please let me know but in the meantime I would appreciate your acknowledgement of this e mail,

yours faithfully  
Brian Dedman