"Thank you for attaching the coloured map with your query.

Yes, it is the red coloured line and yes, "more or less" the route I would prefer. This map indicates that the line of the path is obstructed as it leaves the yard on the north side, which I hadn't appreciated previously, probably because it was blowing a gale with flurries of snow when I visited, and I clearly didn't give the matter sufficient attention.

I would prefer the route through the yard, either as it is, or as it is on the definitive map and would be happy for it to then follow the grass track round the edge of the field.

The proposed route appears to be subject to bogginess in places and rough grass that will become very overgrown in the summer season outside both boundaries of the orchard. Two stiles will be involved within a short space. I was not happy with the geese, which can be as aggressive as guard dogs, and are sometimes used as such.

Would it not be possible for whatever is to be built to have a gap to permit the line of the path. Surely the applicant will also wish to pass through from the yard to the field beyond?

Regards

Jo

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---- Original Message -----

From: Esther Gray

To: <u>Jo Bird</u> Cc: <u>Mike Ogden</u>

Sent: Friday, May 08, 2009 9:38 AM **Subject:** Proposed Diversion of Hilton 3

Hello

I wondered if you could clarify your preferred route for this diversion and your reason for objecting as I wasn't sure from your letter. Did you want it to follow more or less along the red line?

The owners want to move it out from their yard, so the southern section is more important to move. New structures will be constructed within the two fence lines on the proposed route.

Regards

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