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Dear Esther

**Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No3 Hilton Parish**

Thank you for your letter of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009. I have now had the opportunity to make a site inspection with regard to this proposal.

I am unable to agree the diversion as proposed. However, I would be prepared to accept the northern portion of the proposed path where it runs along the grassed field-edge, and for the northern portion of the existing section of Footpath 3 proposed for extinguishment, to link to it along the east-west portion of that grassed track. This is currently where users of Footpath 3 will walk, since the path has not been reinstated across the small corner of this arable field.

Yours sincerely  
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