

**Objection of 11 June 2017 to the DMMO to add Batley 71 from David Storrie on behalf of Mr R Lilley**

“Please accept this e-mail as an objection to the above Modification Order on behalf of our client, Mr Rod Lilley of High Barn, Heybeck Lane, Woodkirk, Dewsbury.

We are aware that this is brought about by a recent Inspector’s decision to reject the deletion of part of Public Footpath 71 that runs through our client’s land and in between 75 and 75A Heybeck Lane. The suggestion by the Inspector that the proposed use should be added is perverse and would offer walkers a choice to either use the existing footpath line that is less inviting between 75 and 75A where gates are in place and often closed, and a route that continues through our client’s garden.

In reality neither route is ideal to both landowners but there is a solution that we would ask the Council to consider that would provide an appropriate route along the western boundary of Mr Lilley’s property between a hedge and boundary fence then west to east along Mr Lilley’s southern boundary to rejoin the public footpath. Such a route would avoid the need to go through anyone’s garden or premises and would surely be supported by both the parties involved.

Given the above we reiterate our objection to the modification proposed and respectfully request that Officers enter in to a dialogue with us to explore the alternative proposition.

If the matter is to be reported to a Planning Committee we would like the opportunity to speak.”