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Dear Tim Chinnick

Edington 15 and Keevil 5 Diversion Order ref TC/PPO/E15K5

Thank you for the copy of the Diversion Order. The Ramblers Association objects to the proposed diversion.

I sympathise with the landowner's proposal to divert the path at D where it is very close to domestic buildings. However I do not see why the path needs to be diverted via B. The path could be more simply be diverted north along the track between New Hurst Park Farm and New Hurst Gate at C. There is no benefit to walkers of removing the field path. One of the pleasures and traditions of walking is to cross fields. To take the path along the track as I have suggested would retain the field path, remove the path from being so close to buildings and be shorter both than the present path or the diversion. I conclude that the diversion is not in the interests of walkers, and that there is an acceptable alternative to the Diversion. The Ramblers therefore object to the Diversion Order.

Please note that it was difficult to inspect the present path as it was completely obstructed from where the path from E to D crosses the track to Hurst Park Farm. I was unable to walk this part of the footpath. This does not affect my conclusions.

Yours sincerely,

Sonia Heywood
Footpath Secretary
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