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I wish to object to the above proposal and outline my views below.

I considered that the proposed route of the path (which measures 2.5 metres in width - dimensions of a single carriageway road and surfaced with road planning's) amounts to undesirable urbanisation of the countryside. The width of this thoroughfare will permit the access and therefore encourage the undesirable use by quad bikes, the use of which is frequently witnessed by myself in the locality. I do not believe anyone wants to facilitate this, as it will unequivocally have a detrimental impact on wildlife.

The proposed siting of the trail will not only destroy the natural habitat for birds (Kingfishers and Dippers) and other wildlife such as otters, all of which do not tolerate human activity. It will therefore cause an imbalance in the bio diversity of the area.

The siting of this development will have a direct negative impact on the local farming by prohibiting the access of livestock to drinking water at the beck to drink and find shelter in severe weather. Furthermore, the proposed trail has been routed to diagonally dissect straight across the end field. This will seriously reduce the available grazing area and rather than blend into the landscape, this unnatural straight line (nothing in nature is straight!) will undeniably stick out like a 'sore thumb'.

I consider it's important that the public have access to the forest to enjoy nature in its natural habitat. I believe the forestry commission have responded well to it's

demands by providing miles of trails and paths and the splendid Dalby Visitor Centre. If further walks/access are required for multi purpose use then a location away from the beck, such as the existing Ellerburn Road, which is flat, wide and accessible is already in existence. This route provides an attractive view of the natural beauty and ecology of the National Park without further urbanisation of the countryside.

Yours sincerely

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