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## PROPOSED DIVERSION OF 430009 AND CREATION OF A LINKING FOOTPATH AT GUTTERBY, PARISH OF WHICHAM

I enclose a plan showing the proposed diversion of footpath 430009 and the proposed creation of a footpath linking footpath 430009 with footpath 430008, at Gutterby in the Parish of Gosforth.

The landowner has requested that the route be diverted for farming purposes. The definitive line crosses the arable field in a direct north westwards line between points B and A. The proposed diversion line follows the hedge boundary in a general westwards then north westwards direction. The proposed diversion is along a gentle gradient with an easy to follow line.

Footpath 430009 continues at point C in a north westwards direction towards Annaside. Some walkers turn south at point C and walk along the stony lonning to join public footpath 430008 at point D. The proposed creation route C-D is currently well used as a footpath. The length of the footpath to be created is 220 metres. The landowner has kindly agreed to this proposal to add the missing link to help formalise the situation of people using a route with no recorded rights along it.

We are considering whether the footpath should be diverted in the interest of the landowner, and if the proposed footpath is beneficial to the public and a worthwhile addition to the public right of way network. Before any decisions are taken on this matter by the Corporate Operations Director, I would be grateful for your views so that your comments can be taken into consideration.

A response by the end of October 2005 would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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