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Dear Examining Authority,

1. I would like to ask the Planning Inspectors to visit some of the countryside around Whitestone 1, particularly the public rights of way through Conisbrough Parks and Ravenfield that I regularly use for running and training.

2. As I explained in my original representation, [redacted] at Firsby is effectively my second home. I have spent a lot of time in this area over the years, and the surrounding countryside is somewhere I really enjoy running. These are peaceful routes away from busy roads, and I would like the Inspectors to see for themselves what makes this area so special before making their recommendations.

Locations I would like the Inspectors to visit

3. [redacted], Firsby, and Conisbrough Parks Bridleway 13

[redacted] is my second home, and I would like the Inspectors to see the countryside surrounding it and how close the proposed development would be to my family home.

I would also ask them to visit Bridleway 13, which runs through the countryside around Firsby. It is important to understand what this area is like now, particularly how peaceful it is and how the surrounding landscape could change.

4. Conisbrough Parks Bridleways 2 and 4

I would like the Inspectors to visit these bridleways and see how they form part of the wider network of countryside routes.

I am concerned about the proposed construction traffic, crossing points and temporary diversions, particularly how these could affect people who currently use the paths to enjoy the countryside away from traffic.

I think it is important that the Inspectors see where the proposed construction routes would interact with the bridleways rather than just looking at them on a map.

5. Ravenfield Footpath 10 — the Hildrecks

I would particularly like the Inspectors to walk across the higher ground locally known as the Hildrecks, where there are views towards Conisbrough Castle and across the historic countryside.

I have been looking at some of the Applicant's landscape photographs, and I am disappointed that the chosen viewpoints do not always show what you can actually see when travelling along these paths.

Conisbrough Castle is visible from parts of this landscape, yet it is missing from several of the photographs. In some places, moving a short distance to one side can completely change the view.

I would like the Inspectors to experience this for themselves rather than relying on a single photograph.

6. Ravenfield Bridleway No. 4 (Route 26/4/1)

I would also like the Inspectors to walk along Ravenfield Bridleway No. 4, which runs from the village towards Moor Lane, close to St James' Church.

This is another example of how the public rights of way connect local villages with the surrounding countryside. I would particularly like the Inspectors to appreciate the views across the open landscape and consider how the proposed development could change the experience of people walking, running or riding along this route.

I also think the relationship between St James' Church and the surrounding countryside deserves proper consideration.

7. The Grazing Harts pub, Micklebring

I would like the Inspectors to visit the Grazing Harts at Micklebring to appreciate the views across the wider countryside.

I think places like this are part of what makes the area attractive to people who live here and those who visit. I am concerned that changing the landscape on such a large scale could affect the enjoyment of these views and the character of the area.

8. The proposed A630 construction access

I would also ask the Inspectors to look at the proposed construction access from the A630 and the surrounding roads.

I am concerned about the amount of heavy construction traffic that could be generated and the possible effects on road safety, congestion and people using the surrounding countryside.

Why I feel these visits are important

9. When I go running, I don't stand in one place looking at a view. I travel through the countryside, sometimes covering several miles, and the views and surroundings change constantly.

10. This is why I don't think a handful of photographs can fully explain what this landscape is like. The experience of running through peaceful countryside would be very different if the surrounding fields were covered with solar panels, security fencing, CCTV and other infrastructure.

11. I am also concerned about the history of this area. Conisbrough Parks has connections with the medieval deer park, historic farms, archaeological remains and Conisbrough Castle. I believe the Inspectors need to experience this landscape to appreciate how these features relate to one another.

12. I understand that the Inspectors cannot visit every location requested, but I particularly hope they will walk some of the routes through Conisbrough Parks, visit Ravenfield Footpath 10 at the Hildrecks and see the countryside surrounding [redacted].

13. I would be happy to attend an accompanied site inspection if that would be helpful.

Thank you for considering my request.

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Interested Party

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