

APPENDIX H

DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OF
DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT
CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL MEMBER

File Ref: HG/ECS/I63a/2585

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER
DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH I63a (PART) AT RATCLIFFE ON THE WREAKE

Highways Act 1980 – Section 119

I have

b) The following comments:

Whilst I certainly have sympathy with the owner of Priory House wanting to move the public right of way to improve their privacy, I am concerned about the impact on a very historic pathway in the village. The fact its at least 200 years old (and could well be older) means it isn't just the 1997 changes which would be affected. History and heritage is important in every village but where we have a rural village like Ratcliffe, which has changed little over centuries and whose built form reflects the ancient routeways, we have to be especially careful about altering historical routes.

If this re-route would require members of the public using the path to travel longer through cow fields than is currently the case, thought needs to be given to how people can get out the field quickly in the event the cows charge. This is a legitimate concern from members of the public as people have been killed by charging cows relatively locally in fairly recent years.

Name

Signed J Poland **C.C.**

Date 07/06/2022

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