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Dear Jaci,

Breakheart Quarry, North Nibley

On behalf of the R.A., I should like to draw your attention to an anomaly at Breakheart Quarry, North Nibley. A public footpath CNN9 (marked, but strangely un-numbered on my copy of the 6" definitive map) goes through the quarry. It reaches a good stile at G.R. 757966. The definitive map shows it then swings NNE to reach the road at 758968. To follow this route, a walker would have to cross a stone wall at point A on the enclosed map, but there is no stile or gate. Nor is there any access at point B to the road, where there is no footpath signpost.

Instead of using this route, walkers have for many years gone eastwards across an open meadow, with fine views southwards over Waterley Bottom, to cross a primitive stile beside a gate at point C and join CNN 10. This route is shown as a broken line on the enclosed map.

Normally, the R.A. would be pressing for the correct definitive route to the road to be opened up. However, in this case the unofficial permissive route is far preferable and, in any case, leads to the road via CNN 10. We should therefore prefer the eastern end of the P.R.O.W. to be diverted to the unofficial route. We have been unable to discover who the landowner is, but there has never, as far as we are aware, been any attempt to deter walkers on the unofficial route. I have used it personally for over 20 years, without let or hindrance.

If we press successfully for the definitive route to be opened up, this may lead to the unofficial one being blocked, which we would regret. We therefore request the County to use its good offices to arrange a diversion. We feel this is a case where the County could originate the diversion and pay the expenses. I hope you will accept this view.

Yours sincerely,

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