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Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling**

Dear Sirs – please find attached a signed letter regarding the above from Somerset Ramblers.

Yours faithfully,
Carleton Earl
Somerset Ramblers

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The Ramblers Association is the national body, represented locally by Somerset Ramblers, which is normally consulted on changes to rights of way. Unfortunately the request of Somerset Ramblers to be registered as an interested party appears to have been mislaid. We would, therefore, respectfully ask that the views of Somerset Ramblers, set out below, be considered in the current consultation process.

Somerset Ramblers concern is that any changes to rights of way should ensure that safe and convenient crossings of the new road are provided. We refer to Schedule 4 Parts 1 & 2 concerned with stopping up of highways.

If no comment is made on the proposed changes to a right of way Somerset Ramblers has no comment.

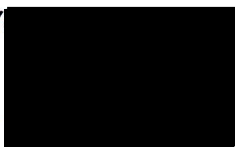
Somerset Ramblers believe that providing only one new crossing for pedestrians of the new road at the grade separated junction at Steart Hill requires significant diversion and extended routes for the crossing of the new road on travelling from paths to the north and south of the A303 in the area of Camel Cross. We similarly feel that to provide no pedestrian crossing between the Steart Hill junction and the Hazelgrove roundabout does not provide the safest and most convenient crossing of the new road in this section. The comments we do have are as follows:

1. Part 1 of Schedule – West Camel – stopping up of un-named road at Camel Cross.
Somerset Ramblers would wish this section of road to be made a public footpath to provide a link to footpath Y 27/28 (shown on your plan as Y 27/UN) by the provision of a footbridge over the new road. This would provide an important link connecting routes north and south of the new road and not requiring a significant detour to the proposed new grade separated junction some way to the east.
2. Part 1 of Schedule – Queen Camel – stopping up of Traits Lane and WN 23/32, 23/10 & 23/3.
Somerset Ramblers would ask that consideration be given to the provision of a pedestrian bridge in the general vicinity of Traits Lane where it meets the new road with appropriate connecting links to the above footpaths to provide safe connection between routes to the north and south of the new road. To require walkers to go east to cross at Hazelgrove roundabout means an extensive diversion and walking alongside and crossing what will remain well used roads.

3. Part 2 of Schedule – West Camel – stopping up of Footpath Y 27/UN (recorded by SCC as Y 27/28). This path, as set out in our 1 above, should be maintained to provide a connection over a new footbridge to the un-named road at Camel Cross to provide a convenient north to south link in the rights of way network without significant deviation.

We trust that these views will be carefully considered to ensure that a safe and convenient walking environment is provided for walkers following the construction of the new road.

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Carleton Earl
Somerset Ramblers