



5th February 2020

HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

CLlr Richard Walsh
Chairman, Spelthorne Joint Committee
c/o Spelthorne Borough Council
Knowle Green
Staines upon Thames
TW18 1XB

Dear Richard

Thank you for your letter of 29th January about the proposed Public Path Extinction Order for Footpath 18 in Staines upon Thames.

As you know, the proposed closure of the footpath is an issue that I have raised with Transport Ministers in the past. I have also discussed the footpath with Network Rail, and they have been very clear to me about their safety concerns. I do appreciate that some residents object to the closure, but I do think that we have to be very mindful of safety, particularly as trains are getting faster, and quieter, and maybe pose a greater danger than they did in the past.

I will, of course represent the views of constituents should there be a public inquiry, and I shall keep a close eye on developments.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kwasi Kwarteng'.

Kwasi Kwarteng – Working For Spelthorne

kwasi.kwarteng.mp@parliament.uk

Kwasi Kwarteng's privacy policy is available at: <https://www.kwasi4spelthorne.org.uk>

This page is intentionally left blank