

**To Melanie McNeir,  
Public Rights of Way and Commons Registration Officer, KCC**

We, the undersigned: residents, visitors and friends of the villages of Staple and Goodnestone, ask KCC to reconsider their decision to change the Goodnestone-Staple footpath into a bridleway. The existing footpath is a valuable village resource which will become un-usable to all for much of the year if KCC decide to allow horses onto the route.

The ground is heavy clay with a steep incline. In the wet it will become churned up and slippery with heavier traffic and there is no safe place for pedestrians to pass horses where the route is funnelled between the listed buildings at Claypits.

Horse riders and cyclists already have their own bridleway running parallel with the footpath; please do not give up the only safe pedestrian route between our villages.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Postcode</b>	<b>Date</b>