

**From:**

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**To:** Stephen Skeates

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Dear Stephen

Further to the itinerary previously circulated, we respectfully propose the following amended sequencing for the accompanied site visit to Stocksmoor / Thunderbridge scheduled for Wednesday 4th March 2026.

The purpose of this adjustment is to ensure the Inspector is able to clearly appreciate the spatial, environmental and hydrological relationship between the appeal site, the adjacent Ancient Woodland and the downstream watercourse before proceeding to the Thunderbridge location.

The Inspector would undertake the accompanied visit of the appeal site as arranged. Upon reaching the exit point of the appeal site, the accompanied walk would continue directly to the bridleway entrance off Stonewood Lane (Point C – HD4 6XW), as identified on the attached plan.

### **Proposed Sequence**

#### **Shepley Mill Wood (Ancient Woodland)**

From Point C, we suggest that an accompanied walk be undertaken through the Ancient Woodland of Shepley Mill Wood to the location where the outflow tributary joins Shepley Dike (Point D), as illustrated on the attached route plan.

This section is approximately **300 yards** in length and may be uneven or muddy underfoot; suitable footwear and appropriate outdoor clothing are recommended.

The return would be via the same route to the bridleway entrance.

#### **Thunderbridge / Lower Hartley Bank Wood (Ancient Woodland)**

Following completion of the Ancient Woodland visit, transport would then be arranged to Grange Lane, Thongsbridge (HD8 0PU), marked on the attached location plan.

From this location, we would commence an accompanied walk into the Garganey Trust's land and take the public footpath route alongside Thunderbridge Dike into Lower Hartley Bank Wood, as shown on the accompanying plan.

This section is also approximately **300 yards** in length and may be particularly muddy underfoot; suitable footwear and appropriate outdoor clothing are recommended.

Following completion of the Thunderbridge visit, transport will be arranged for party members who have left their vehicles at Shepley.

The attached plans are provided for ease of reference to assist the Inspector during the accompanied visit. All other aspects of the itinerary can remain as previously outlined.

Kind regards

Stocksmoor Vision