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Dear Sirs

I welcome and support a new train station in Mossley. A modern, fully accessible station would be a major improvement to our local transport infrastructure, delivering long term benefits for residents, businesses, and visitors.

My support is conditional on the concerns of Mill Lane residents and surrounding streets being fully and meaningfully addressed, including those of Milton St John's Primary School. I believe the concerns for Manchester Road residents are being mitigated.

I have serious reservations about any proposal to route construction traffic along Mill Lane. This road is steep, narrow, and physically constrained, becoming one way at its lower end with a low bridge and poor visibility at key junctions. It is already heavily congested during school drop-off and pick-up times, and the school is located directly off the road.

Introducing heavy construction vehicles would raise significant safeguarding concerns, pose unacceptable risks to children and families, obstruct emergency access, and compromise established safe walking routes.

There are also wider concerns regarding noise, air quality, and the loss of residents' garden space.

As the local Mossley councillor, I have also been actively involved for many years in protecting the Brookfields site as an important

green space and natural habitat.

I oppose the clearance of protected woodland for a site compound. This land has long been recognised as a valuable community asset, supports protected species, and is now covered by an area-wide Tree Preservation Order that I sought and secured.

Previous planning proposals on this site were rejected on safety grounds, specifically due to the unsuitability of access via a steep, narrow road adjacent to a busy primary school. I have seen no material change that would make this access any safer today. Allowing this proposal would set a troubling precedent, undermining established legal protections and past planning decisions.

For these reasons, I object to this element of the scheme, a view shared by many residents across Mossley.

I urge that alternative construction access arrangements and robust mitigation measures are explored to ensure this important project can proceed without placing residents, school users, or local infrastructure at risk.

With best wishes

Cllr Taf Sharif
Councillor for Mossley

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