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Dear Sirs/Madams,

I am writing to object to the use of Brookfields and surrounding areas for the purpose of engineering works for the Transpennine upgrade . Much effort has gone into protecting this area over a ten year plus period. It is a gross insult to now confiscate this land . It will be lost to development and have a huge impact on our town. In addition the following points of concern are being been raised:

• Bringing any heavy construction traffic onto Mill Lane, passing Milton Primary, and on to Archer Street contradicts the duty of care owed to pupils and residents.

• Any increase in heavy vehicle movements would coincide with the busiest times of day for children walking, cycling, and being dropped off.

• Mill lane is a very steep narrow road. Its lower section becomes one way and cannot safely accommodate larger vehicles because of the low bridge. At the top of Mill Lane there are completely blind spots, Cars are meant to stop and give way but have to edge forward at its steepest part to get onto Carrhill Road. It is a very dangerous junction fraught with risks and danger.

• This is already a very restricted and dangerous area for children when they are trying to cross the road. These physical constraints make it impossible for construction traffic to use the road safely without creating significant risks and danger.

• Construction traffic could obstruct or delay emergency vehicles accessing the school or nearby homes.

• No safe passing space. The width of the road means large vehicles would struggle to navigate without mounting pavements or reversing—both unacceptable and very dangerous near a school.

• Existing congestion: Mill Lane is already very heavily congested during school drop-off and pick-up times. It is impossible to safely accommodate additional traffic.

• Impact on children's health: Increased noise and reduced air quality from heavy vehicles would affect classrooms and outdoor areas.

• Disruption to walking routes: Mill Lane forms part of the main safe walking route used by pupils. Construction activity would seriously compromise this.

• Safer alternatives exist: All access should be from the Manchester Road side of the track.

This town is losing wildlife habitat at an alarming rate to development, the upgrade is going to have a devastating effect, therefore losing Brookfields is an additional loss for the environment .

Please take these concerns into consideration and review the plans to use Brookfields.

Yours sincerely,

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