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Dear Network Rail,

I am writing as a Dobcross resident and business owner in Uppermill to express my disappointment in the handling of the Stalybridge to Diggle TWA order.

There are many reasons why I oppose the propositions and wish the following points to be seriously considered.

Firstly the impact that road closures (for a minimum of 5 months) will leave on the everyday lives of Saddleworth residents is unacceptable. Closing the main road at Greenfield station will put tremendous strain on already full to capacity diversion routes, many of which are single track with parked cars. Especially Shaw Hall Bank Road and Dobcross New Road. A very feasible alternative would be to install a Bailey Bridge negating the need to close the road. Closing the road will also severely impact the ability for emergency vehicles to access Saddleworth residents, potentially the difference between life and death. The impact on independant businesses in Greenfield and Uppermill is devastating. As a business owner in Uppermill I know first hand what an impact road closures have. When the High Street was closed last Spring for viaduct works to be carried out I lost almost all trade for 2 consecutive weekends. My business would be unable to survive for the proposed 5 month road closure. If customers have difficulty getting to the shop they will avoid travelling to Uppermill and shop elsewhere. They may never return to the shop and will ultimately cause the business to fold. This would be particularly devastating if the closures were to happen in November and December with Christmas trade.

Secondly the horrendous impact on everyday life caused by the works will actually not provide a better service for the residents of Saddleworth with no improvements to our public transport offer. The disabled access to Greenfield station should have been improved decades ago.

Thirdly the impact on green spaces with the installation of 10 compounds and no promises that the land would be returned to it's current state once the works are finished is totally unacceptable.

I urge you to consider alternatives and plan any works with the needs of businesses and local residents at the forefront of your minds.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,
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