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I wish to object to the proposals in the Network Rail Stalybridge to Diggle TWA order.

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I have two main concerns. I am a member of the local Mountain Rescue Team and our base is in Greenfield. The removal of the bridge by Greenfield station is going to create major road delays – even though I don't need to cross the bridge to get to our base for emergency callouts – depending on what happens to Chapel Road, the consequences of the rerouting of traffic along narrow minor roads will create major delays to our team efforts to save lives especially if we need to head north up the Tame valley.

Similarly the congestion will have a major impact on the response time of the other emergency services trying to get into the local area from Oldham or Tameside.

At this stage we don't even have full details of what the diversions will be, but knowing the area it is likely that narrow minor routes will have to be used.

The resulting congestion and delays will impact all local businesses and people trying to get to work – fortunately I am retired, but still do other casual work and volunteering as well as responding to rescue team callouts.

I also wish to object to the apparent loss of the pedestrian level crossing at Moorgate (when originally a footbridge was offered). I regularly walk the dog of a friend who lives on Den Lane and have used this crossing many times. I have tried the alternative, suggested, route and have found it awkward and slippery especially while walking the elderly dog (arthritis and cataracts) – the entry out on to the main road is very narrow with almost no pavement. This route would be very difficult for people with restricted mobility, or families trying to manage a group of children.

We need to hear more details about the suggested diversion routes – has anyone from Network Rail actually tried these routes? Will the many HGV and busses which normally use Uppermill High Street be able to sensibly divert along these routes? Has the traffic volume been assessed?

Regards,
Denzil Broadhurst