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From: pen [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 December 2025 16:49
To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Re: Network Rail Stalybridge to Diggle TWA Order

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Hello

Thank you for getting back to me.

My postal address is:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Not to be funny about it, but my title is not madam it's doctor.

Thank you and have a happy new year.

Kind regards,
Penny Ralph

On Tue, 30 Dec 2025, 16:15 TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE,
<TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE@dft.gov.uk> wrote:

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Dear Madam,

Thank you for your email citing your objection to the above scheme. In order to register your objection, we require a postal address.

Kind regards

Shenaz Choudhary

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From: pen [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 December 2025 16:47
To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE <TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: Network Rail Stalybridge to Diggle TWA Order

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Dear Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit

I am writing to object to the plan to use Mill Lane, Archer Street and Brookfields to build a works unit for the proposed new station at Mossley.

I've got to say, this idea is absolutely ridiculous. The access is a steep narrow hill next to a primary school that already suffers from parking and traffic. Mill Hill is currently pot-holed from traffic and an issue with an overflowing aquifer which means there is an almost permanent stream running down it. Carr hill road, which leads onto Mill Hill, also has difficult and narrow access, worsened by parked cars. Brookfields itself is an important natural site in a fairly sprawling town with few public spaces and amenities. I'm sure on a map it looks easy, but on the ground this site is unsuitable for a works compound.

Grounds for opposition:

Environmental / ecological impact

If you look up the words Moss and Ley in Mossley, they both mean 'boggy'. Mossley is wet even by local standards and Brookfields soaks up a lot of potential flood water. It has mature trees which provide both carbon capture and flood soak, both necessary as our weather patterns shift due to climate breakdown. Brookfields acts as a lung for Mossley as well as providing a home for local wildlife. There's plenty of evidence to say green spaces and fresh air are important for mental wellbeing. Ironically it also soaks up a lot of water that would run off onto the railway.

Access and traffic during and after building

As stated, Mill Lane is a narrow, steep road that runs by a primary school which already suffers from excess traffic during school hours and is used as a short cut particularly during rush hours. It is one way, narrow with a low bridge on a tight bend at the bottom and large vehicles can only access and exit on a steep, tight junction at the top of the hill. As it is, the surface is cracking and 'pot holes' are reappearing on the road. I imagine it will be council tax payers who will be paying for the damage caused by any excess traffic. There was a recent 2 house development behind Milton school on Mill Hill and the traffic (and size of traffic) caused lots of disruption and noise. The works site will cause more traffic, more congestion and increased problems around parking and access, 24/7 as rail works tends to be conducted all week and at nights. Parking is already difficult and this unit will lead to a large increase in traffic, road erosion and pollution next to a school.

Risk to pedestrians and school children / staff

Mill Hill already has a lot of traffic at peak times and has a lot of cars parked along it, particularly around school times. This will be worse if Archer St residents need to park elsewhere. Even when clear it's a narrow road for large vehicles – when vans meet each other one of them usually has to mount the pavement, with cars parked along it it's effectively a chicane of one way traffic. At the moment, due to bins and stuff left from a recent fallen tree, pedestrians have to walk on the road rather than the pavement. Adding more parking, more traffic and works traffic to this is a recipe for, at best, severe disruption, noise and pollution, at worst someone is going to get run over.

It also seems unnecessary. Access is available on Manchester Road where there is already space for a works unit and access to the site. There is a large car park at the current Mossley station that could easily be used in whole or in part for ready access to the line and the proposed site. I can only think that the sub-contractor taken on for this can soak up more public money by creating this ludicrous work site. Why go to the extra expense of building this when a site could use the current station car park and track access?

I hope there will be further consideration on this plan and alternatives.

Yours faithfully

Dr Penny Ralph

