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I am writing to strongly object against the specific use of Mill Lane and Archer Street in Mossley for access to works and the use as a compound of the Brookfields site.

Traffic Concerns

Carrhill Road, Mill Lane and Archer Street are completely unsuitable for construction vehicles and plant machinery. The roads are very narrow, mostly single lane and Mill lane is incredibly steep. Large vehicles cannot pass safely nor turn easily. The top of Mill Lane is a blind spot because it is so steep meaning vehicles have to edge forward at its steepest part to get onto Carrhill Road. It is a very dangerous junction fraught with risks.

To inflict construction traffic on the residents of this area will cause huge disruption and likely damage property. A number of vehicles have been damaged when parked up on Mill Lane by passing traffic due to it being so narrow. The only option is to mount the pavement when passing oncoming vehicles which is inherently dangerous. There is also a primary school on Mill Lane which adds to the danger. Construction traffic could also obstruct or delay emergency vehicles accessing the school or nearby homes. It would also displace resident parking which is at a premium on these narrow terraced streets.

Brookfields

Previous planning applications for building on the Brookfields site have been turned down on traffic concerns and as the land is inherently unsuitable. There is no demonstrated need for a construction compound on Brookfields land, especially given ongoing planning disputes involving landowner Paul Miller, whose previous applications for 18 family homes (ref: 19.00489.FUL) and other developments have failed. I strongly suspect this is a backdoor tactic by Mr. Miller to enable his rejected plans after Network Rail vacates the site, bypassing proper planning scrutiny. Sufficient land is already available off Manchester Road for both constructing the new station and housing necessary equipment, making alternative sites viable without community disruption.

Please abandon these proposals which will endanger local residents and school children. Safer alternatives exist: All access should be from the Manchester Road side of the track.

On the basis of the above I wholly and fundamentally object to any use of Mill Lane and Archer Street to access or facilitate the site of the new station.

Regards

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