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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Use of Mill Lane, Mossley for Stalybridge -Diggle rail upgrade
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to oppose the plans to use Mill Lane in Mossley as a main access route for the upgrade of the Stalybridge - Diggle electrical rail upgrade.

As a local resident [redacted] who will also be impacted on this proposal and whose child attends Milton St John's School on Mill Lane I oppose for the following reasons.

Safeguarding**:** Bringing heavy construction traffic onto the road directly outside school contradicts the duty of care owed to pupils.

- Our school is located directly off Mill Lane, meaning 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 steep narrow road, and its lower section becomes one way and cannot safely accommodate larger vehicles because of the low bridge. Additionally, at the top of Mill Lane there are blind spots when cars are meant to stop and give way. Cars have to edge forward at it's steepest part to get onto Carrhill Lane. This is already a dangerous area for our children when trying to cross the road. These physical constraints make it impossible for construction traffic to use the road safely without creating significant risks.

- Emergency access: 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 could struggle to navigate without mounting pavements or reversing—both unacceptable near a school.

- Existing congestion**:** Mill Lane is already heavily congested during school drop-off and pick-up times. It cannot 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 compromise this.

- Safer alternatives exist**:** Access from Manchester Road is a safer alternative.

Please take into consideration my opposition to this planning proposal.

Yours faithfully

Robert Doherty

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