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18 December 2025

Formal Objection re: Network Rail (Stalybridge to Diggle (Saddleworth) Enhancements) Order

We are writing to object to the Network Rail (Stalybridge to Diggle (Saddleworth) Enhancements) Order,

Earlier this year we received letters asking about ownership of land near our house and permission to inspect the area. When we asked about the purpose we never received an adequate explanation. We feel we were not adequately informed about the proposals before receiving a letter notifying us of the Compulsory Purchase Order.

Several weeks ago I rang Bruton Knowles to ask a number of questions about the proposed work. I have received an email answering some of my questions but not all including how long the work will take and for a clear indication of the area that they are referring to. The letter I received looks to be incorrect.

The letter we received told us that we were entitled to legal advice but not how to access this. We are particularly concerned about the loss of value to our property and the saleability of our property.

We also object to the Network Rail (Stalybridge to Diggle (Saddleworth) Enhancements) Order, due to the wider impact on the surrounding area which will further reduce the value and saleability of our property.

We would also like to object about the following:

- no guarantee to increased train service levels,
- unclear provisions re station accessibility and accessible parking (We have not been provided with an Access Audit nor an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)).
- a lack of information about the access for emergency services
- the location of the construction compounds and unknown post-works conditions.
- poor community consultation and a lack of response to community concerns
- an apparent failure to consider the long-term impact on the community, businesses, tourism and surrounding countryside.

We are not against improvements to the rail network but there will be severe disruption lasting five years and permanent changes to the landscape with no advantages to Saddleworth residents, only detriments

Kind regards

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