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Mr. A. & Mrs. D. Sixsmith,
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To Whom it may concern,
I am writing to strongly object to the proposed displacement of parking cars on Archer Street as part of the Transpennine Route Upgrade works in Mossley.
This plan would severely impact local residents who rely on this street parking. Please note that street parking is in high demand this for the already limited parking in this area.

Unsuitability of Mill Lane for Large Vehicles
Mossley's Mill Lane is excessively steep and narrow, making it wholly inappropriate for large construction vehicles. Also this is acerbated by Milton St. John's Primary School sited directly on Mill lane, heavy traffic would endanger children especially during the - now extended - drop-off and pick-up times. Similar local roads like Roughtown Road are already recognised as dangerous due to their gradient and limited width, with no safe run-off areas. Heavy traffic here would pose serious safety risks to all users of Mill lane.

A duty of care, exercised by all concerned to all other users of Mill Lane would prevent all heavy plant and heavy commercial vehicles from using Mill lane.

No Justification for Brookfields Compound
There is no reasonable need for a construction compound on Brookfields land, especially given the ongoing planning disputes involving T.M.B.C. and landowner Paul Miller, whose previous applications for 18 homes (ref: 19.00489.FUL) and other developments have failed. We think this may well be a backdoor tactic by Mr. Miller to justify and enable his plans, after Network Rail vacates the site, thus bypassing normal planning scrutiny.

Alternative
Sufficient land is available off Manchester Road for both constructing the new station and housing the necessary equipment, making these alternative sites viable without community disruption.

Cost
As large, High and Heavy commercial vehicles can not negotiate the narrow low bridge at the bottom of Mill Lane, It would also be considerably less costly.

Travel from the Brook fields site would involve travelling up Archer street, ascending the very step hill all the way up Mill Lane, turning Left onto Carrhill Road, travel up Carrhill road, turning left onto Stockport Road, Turning Hard left at the traffic lights (this would be a very tricky and potentially dangerous manoeuvrer for any long vehicle) onto Stamford Road, travel down hill to a 90^0 left hand turn over the railway bridge then past the original Station, onto Manchester Road, towards the site of the new railway Station.

Local Knowledge / Road Closure

Mossley is unusual as it is split into two.
The rail line bisects Mossley. Mossley has a top and Bottom part.
To close off any road would be unimaginable, in fact, completely unacceptable, given the topography of the area.

All roads to and from top and bottom Mossley are imperative, given the topography of Mossley. Temporary closure of any road would cause great inconvenience, something that you would cope with on a “temporary basis”.

Recommendation

Remember your duty of care!

Please reconsider. It would be better to abandon these proposals at this early stage and explore alternative sites that do not disrupt essential community parking or endanger lives.

Please retain Archer Street parking, this to support all existing residents. I would anticipate that you will give full consideration to all of these points in your consultation process.

We think that improvement of the rail network has been heavily promoted as an improvement of “air quality”, yet the proposals as you have been laid them out would vastly reduce “air quality” for the up and coming generations now attending Milton school.

Remember your duty of care!

Yours sincerely

Andrew & Denise Sixsmith.