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Subject: Strong Objection to Archer Street Parking Displacement and Associated Proposals in Mossley
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Dear Network Rail Consultation Team,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed displacement of parking from Archer Street as part of the Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU) works in Mossley. This plan would severely impact local residents who rely on this informal on-street parking due to high demand and frequent double-parking in the area.

Unsuitability of Mill Lane for Large Vehicles

Mill Lane in Mossley is excessively steep and narrow, making it wholly inappropriate for large construction vehicles—exacerbated by the presence of Milton St John's CofE Primary School directly on the lane, where heavy traffic would endanger children during peak drop-off and pick-up times. Similar local roads like Roughtown Road and Castle Lane are already recognized as dangerous due to their gradient and limited width, with no safe runoff areas—diverting heavy traffic here would pose serious safety risks to pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

Disruption to Woodmeadow Court

Woodmeadow Court is a private road with no public right of way, not part of the public highway. Any disruption on Mill Lane would force increased traffic onto its entrance, leading to inevitable altercations as residents confront trespassing vehicles and accelerated damage from heavy use. Residents of Woodmeadow Court, already burdened by an ongoing drains dispute under Mill Lane with Tameside Council, will not tolerate further disruption—Network Rail and its contractors have no rights to trespass by act or deed, and any non-resident use of the private road without permission will be firmly resisted.

No Justification for Brookfields Compound

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.

Recommendation

Please abandon these proposals and explore alternative sites that do not disrupt essential community parking or endanger narrow local roads. Retain Archer Street parking to support residents near the existing Mossley station, whose car park will

remain operational post-relocation. I urge full consideration of these points in your consultation process.

Yours sincerely,

Owen Brown

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