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I am registering an objection to one element of this proposal as below

OBJECTION TO ONE ELEMENT OF THE the proposal within the TWAO [Transport and Works Act Order] to use Mill Lane, Archer Street and Brookfields for access/ compound to facilitate the building of the new station

This area is well known in the town. It is a steeply sloping site, accessed via narrow streets past a dense residential area and primary school, making it completely unsuitable and dangerous for the proposed purpose

The surrounding streets are already very congested and are the regular location of road traffic accidents. This is already concern and worry for local residents, parents and young school children. Bringing heavy construction traffic onto Mill Lane, passing Milton Primary, and on to Archer Street is dangerous. Any heavy vehicle movements coinciding with the busiest times of day for children walking, cycling, and being dropped off at school would be dangerous. It would also have a severe detrimental impact on quality of life for residents.

This area has already been successfully defended by the town for over 10 years against attempts to use it as an access road to develop housing on the Brookfields area. Refusal of planning consent is recorded as the unsafe access and unstable ground with risk of slippage.

Mill lane is a very steep narrow road. Its lower section is one way and cannot safely accommodate larger vehicles because of the low bridge. Therefore there is no exit at the bottom of the hill. At the top of Mill Lane there are completely blind spots. It is a very dangerous junction and camber where HGVs have been stuck previously

Construction traffic and access restrictions risk obstruct or delay emergency vehicles accessing the school or nearby homes. The width of the Mill Lane does not allow vehicles to pass without mounting pavements or reversing—both unacceptable and very dangerous near a school. Existing congestion: Mill Lane is already very heavily congested during school drop-off and pick-up times. It is impossible to safely accommodate additional traffic.

Increased traffic will Impact on health: Increased noise and reduced air quality from heavy vehicles would affect classrooms and outdoor areas.

Mill Lane and Brookfield are both used consistently as safe walking route used by school children and other residents between Top and Bottom Mossley. Construction activity and fencing of the compound would seriously compromise safety.

Access is possible from the Manchester Road side of the track, rendering this proposal unnecessary.

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