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To: [TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE](#)
Subject: Re: Help needed to object to construction traffic on Mill Lane when Mossley Station is being built - deadline 19th Dec
Date: 15 December 2025 14:46:57

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Hi Shenaz,

No problem, my address is

[REDACTED]

Thank you,
Elkie Hirst

On Mon, 15 Dec 2025 at 14:31, TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
<TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE@dft.gov.uk> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email citing your objection to the above proposed scheme. To register your objection we require a postal address?

Kind regards

Shenaz Choudhary

OFFICIAL

From: Elkie H [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 December 2025 10:49
To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE <TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Help needed to object to construction traffic on Mill Lane when Mossley Station is being built - deadline 19th Dec

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Good morning,

I have this morning received the following email from the headteacher at [REDACTED] school regarding the construction traffic using Mill Lane during the construction of the new station at Mossley.

I have to agree with her, whilst I look forward to the upgrading of the station which is much needed, if your planners have been on site here, they must realise that Mill Lane is not a practical or safe route for large vehicles. There is a height restriction for vehicles due to the bridge at the bottom of the lane and there have often been occasions of large vehicles getting stuck both at the bottom trying to turn around due to the lack of space and amount of traffic; and the top of the lane due to the steepness of the road.

When you also factor in the school's location, it has the potential to be particularly unsafe for families and residents. It is already extremely busy in this area at school drop off and pick ups due to the number of cars and pedestrians.

Mill lane is also the only access for vehicles to Spring Street, Archer street, Vernon Street, Milton Lane, Milton View and Woodmeadow Court so when the road gets blocked by stuck vehicles it greatly impacts the local residents and would hinder access for emergency vehicles.

Therefore please register my objection to any proposal to use Mill Lane for construction traffic during this project.

Kind regards

Elkie Hirst

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From: Milton St John's C.E. Primary <admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk>

Date: Fri, 12 Dec 2025 at 09:34

Subject: Help needed to object to construction traffic on Mill Lane when Mossley Station is being built - deadline 19th Dec

To: Elkie Hirst [REDACTED]

Dear Parents and Carers,

We want to bring to your attention the proposals for upgrading Mossley Station, which are currently under consideration. While we support the improvement of local transport infrastructure, we have serious concerns about the suggestion that Mill Lane may be used to accommodate construction traffic during the works and the deadline for objections is 19th December. School and Mossley Town Council will be objecting but we need your help urge parents to please also submit individual objections against using Mill Lane for access to the construction site. Unfortunately navigating the site where proposals are detailed is quite difficult and the only plan, I can find is the one attached to this email and the text is very small. Please look at <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/our-work/railway-upgrade-plan/key-projects/transpennine-route-upgrade/stalybridge-to-diggle-saddleworth-scheme/> for further details – you may have to put Mossley Station into a search bar on this page.

We believe that Mill Lane is simply not a safe or suitable route for heavy vehicles. It is steep, narrow, and becomes one-way at its lower end. With our school situated directly on this road, any increase in large-vehicle movements poses a very real risk to the safety of children, families, staff, and residents.

In addition to the obvious dangers, there are several other reasons why Mill Lane should not be considered:

- **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.

For these reasons, the school is formally objecting to the use of Mill Lane for any construction-related traffic and we strongly encourage parents and carers to do the same. A strong community response will ensure the safety implications are clearly understood by those making the final decisions.

You can submit your comments by emailing transportinfrastructure@dft.gov.uk. The deadline for objections is Friday 19th December.

Thank you for supporting the safety of our school community.

Miss Gallaher

Headteacher

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