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Dear Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit / Secretary of State for Transport,

I am writing to formally register my objection to elements of the Transport and Works Act Order application "Network Rail Stalybridge to Diggle TWA Order", in particular the proposal to use Mill Lane, Archer Street and the Brookfields area to facilitate construction of the replacement Mossley Station.

My details

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I live close to the proposed access routes and would be directly and adversely affected by these proposals. I fully support the objection being submitted by Mossley Town Council and wish to add my own concerns based on lived experience of this area.

## Grounds for Objection

### 1. Safety risks on Mill Lane and Archer Street

- Bringing heavy construction vehicles along Mill Lane past Milton Primary School and onto Archer Street fundamentally contradicts the duty of care owed to children, parents and residents.
- Any increase in heavy vehicle movements would coincide with peak school drop-off and pick-up times, when children are walking, cycling and crossing the road.
- Mill Lane is steep, narrow and constrained. The lower section becomes one-way and includes a low bridge that cannot safely accommodate large vehicles.
- The junction at the top of Mill Lane onto Carrhill Road has severe blind spots, requiring vehicles to edge forward at the steepest point of the hill, creating an inherently dangerous situation.
- There is no safe passing space for large vehicles. Any requirement to reverse or mount pavements would be extremely dangerous, particularly near a primary school.
- Mill Lane is already heavily congested during school times and cannot safely accommodate additional traffic.
- Construction vehicles could delay or obstruct emergency access to Milton Primary School and surrounding homes.
- Increased noise and air pollution would negatively affect children's health, classroom learning, outdoor play, and residents' quality of life.
- Mill Lane forms part of a key walking route for pupils, which would be seriously

compromised by construction activity.

## **2. Loss of Brookfields green space and wildlife**

The proposal also raises serious concerns regarding the impact on the Brookfields area, which is an important green space supporting wildlife and biodiversity.

- Brookfields has been the subject of multiple historic attempts to develop housing, all of which were successfully opposed by local residents due to environmental, safety and access concerns.
- The area provides an established habitat for wildlife, including mature trees, vegetation and green corridors that are increasingly rare within the town.
- Residents understand that tree protections have previously been applied in this area, reflecting its environmental value. Any removal of trees or habitat would represent a permanent and irreversible loss.
- Using Brookfields to facilitate construction risks setting a precedent that undermines long-standing community efforts to protect this space.

The loss or degradation of this green area would negatively impact biodiversity, local character, and residents' wellbeing, and should not be accepted when less harmful alternatives exist.

## **3. Loss of parking and severe impact on elderly residents**

The proposal would also result in a loss of existing parking, which would disproportionately affect vulnerable residents:

- Many homes in this area are occupied by elderly residents who rely on nearby parking to maintain independence, attend medical appointments, and receive care.
- Due to the very steep gradient of Mill Lane, many residents are physically unable to walk up or down the hill from alternative parking locations.
- The loss of parking would effectively trap some residents in their homes, increasing isolation and creating serious accessibility and safeguarding concerns.

This impact has not been adequately addressed and represents a significant harm to the community.

## **4. Availability of safer alternatives**

Given all of the above, I strongly support the position that all construction access should be routed from the Manchester Road side of the track, avoiding Mill Lane, Archer Street and Brookfields entirely. This would significantly reduce risk to children, residents, wildlife and vulnerable groups.

### **Request**

I respectfully request that the Secretary of State rejects any proposal within the Order that allows:

- Construction access via Mill Lane or Archer Street, and

- Use or degradation of the Brookfields green space.

Please confirm receipt of this objection and keep me informed of the progress of the application.

Yours faithfully,

Jade Wood