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Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to the proposals in the Network Rail Stalybridge to Diggle TWA Order as follows:

1. No detail has been revealed regarding the diversions that will be necessary. Local knowledge regarding any diversion is absolutely necessary and needs the utmost consideration. Any diversion will, of necessity, involve traffic travelling along very minor and very narrow roads, some of which are so narrow that two cars will not be able to pass one another. In addition some of these minor roads will have cars parked, often on both sides due to some houses not having a drive to park on.
2. Access for the emergency services will be severely compromised because of the very nature of the side roads I have above, in some cases it will be a matter of life or death.
3. I have been a resident of Friezland, Greenfield and Grasscroft for over fifty years and am really concerned about the chaos which will undoubtedly ensue, and compromise the safety of young children and older people.
4. Uppermill is a thriving and extremely busy village and is a busy tourist attraction especially at the weekend. It is the gateway for many people to the motorway, or in the other direction to Oldham, and at rush hour it will be chaotic.
5. Satnav will undoubtedly play its part in the mayhem that will ensue.
6. It is a major concern that the well-used pedestrian crossing at Moorgate has been closed. There is a belief among many people that it will not reopen, which would be a permanent and considerable problem to residents and visitors.
7. Finally, it is obvious that more buses will be required to cover the closed railway and that HGV.s will be necessary to supply materials for the work to be carried out, and these will be another cause of concern.

This work needs to be carried out, no one can deny that, but I feel that there has not been enough consideration given to the location of the diversions. An open and honest discussion, with local representatives attending, would help to iron out the difficulties I have highlighted. Working in conjunction with the community is the answer if you want to avoid the pandemonium which could ensue.

I urge you to take what I have said seriously and give it your utmost consideration.

Yours faithfully

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