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I wish to object to the proposals in the Network Rail Stalybridge to Diggle. TWA order

As a resident of Greenfield, I am very supportive of the overall work to upgrade this railway line and stations, however I have major concerns over the work being carried out around Greenfield Station.

The main Oldham road that passes Greenfield station and goes on to Uppermill (and the rest of Saddleworth) is already a very busy road, and with the closure of the line while the works are done there will be an increase in traffic. Closing this road to replace the bridge needs to be done in as short a period as practicable - but the proposals seem to be for several months, this is going to cause chaos and have a massive impact on residents, businesses, school travel etc. There is no good diversion route (Shaw Hall Bank Road is narrow, and Oaklands Road has sharp turns at both ends and a bridge to pass under) and nothing has been defined in the proposal for how this is to be handled.

Has *every* effort been made to reduce the amount of time this road needs to be closed? I am struggling to see why it is planned to take so long when the railway line will be closed, and the new bridge over the railway is made of prefabricated parts - it could surely be replaced in a couple of weeks if the manpower is made available and maybe with extended hours of work?

Additionally, I have concerns over the closure and replacement of the rail crossing at Moorgate. I use this path on occasion, but for residents of Uppermill (as I used to be), especially those on the upper side of the line, the closure of this path really isn't acceptable. The alternative proposed path is dangerous and comes out right onto the main road. I have crossed the rail line many times over the years at this point and I honestly don't see the problem with it. It is a long stretch coming from the viaduct, and coming from Greenfield side is a long curve and having just passed through the station trains should be at a lower speed? I understand electric trains may be slightly faster, but there should still be plenty of time for people to cross, trains could also sound their horn on approach to the crossing. Is there no technological solution that can be hooked up maybe via the signalling system to warn pedestrians a train is due?

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