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Subject: Safety Objection: Use of Mill Lane (OL5 0BN) for Construction Traffic – Mossley Station Upgrade
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Dear Transport Infrastructure Team,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed use of Mill Lane, OL5 0BN as an access route for construction vehicles associated with the Mossley Station upgrade works.

Mill Lane is wholly unsuitable for heavy construction traffic. It is steep, narrow, and becomes one-way at its lower end. Most significantly, our school is located directly off this road, and any increase in large vehicle movements would create a serious and foreseeable risk to the safety of children, families, staff, and residents.

Key concerns include:

- **Safeguarding and duty of care:** Routing construction vehicles along a road immediately outside a school directly conflicts with safeguarding responsibilities and the duty of care owed to children.
- **Peak-time danger:** The school's location means that construction traffic would coincide with peak arrival and departure times, when children are walking, cycling, and being dropped off or collected.
- **Physical road constraints:**
Mill Lane is steep and narrow, with its lower section becoming one-way and further restricted by a low bridge that cannot safely accommodate large vehicles. At the top of Mill Lane, limited visibility and blind spots require vehicles to stop and edge forward at the steepest part of the road to access Carrhill Lane. This is already a hazardous crossing point for children, and the road layout makes safe use by construction vehicles impractical.
- **Emergency access risks:** Construction traffic could obstruct or delay emergency vehicles accessing the school or nearby residential properties.

- Lack of safe passing space: The width of the road means large vehicles would struggle to pass without mounting pavements or reversing, both of which would be unacceptable on a school route.
- Existing congestion: Mill Lane already experiences significant congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times and cannot safely accommodate additional heavy traffic.
- Impact on health and learning: Increased noise, vibration, and reduced air quality from construction vehicles would negatively affect classroom environments and outdoor spaces.
- Disruption to established walking routes: Mill Lane forms part of a primary walking route for pupils, and construction activity would seriously compromise this safe route.
- Safer alternatives available: Access via Manchester Road represents a safer and more appropriate option for construction traffic.

Given these factors, I urge the Department for Transport to ensure that Mill Lane is excluded from all construction traffic routes associated with the Mossley Station upgrade. The safeguarding and safety implications for our children and the local community are substantial and should be given the highest priority in transport and infrastructure planning decisions.

I would welcome confirmation that these concerns have been considered and that you make serious considerations about using an alternative access to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

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