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To whom it may concern,

Formal Objection to the Use of Mill Lane for Construction Traffic

We strongly object to the use of Mill Lane as an access route for any construction-related traffic. Mill Lane is simply not a safe or suitable road for heavy vehicles. It is steep, narrow, and becomes one-way at its lower end. With the school located directly on this road, any increase in large vehicle movements presents a serious and unacceptable risk to the safety of pupils, families, staff, and local residents.

Our objections are based on the following significant concerns:

Safeguarding and Duty of Care
Introducing heavy construction traffic directly outside the school fundamentally contradicts the duty of care owed to children. Safeguarding must be a primary consideration, and the presence of large vehicles in such close proximity to pupils is wholly inappropriate.

Peak-Time Risk to Children and Families
The school entrance opens directly onto Mill Lane. Increased construction traffic would coincide with the busiest times of day, when children are walking, cycling, and being dropped off or collected, greatly increasing the risk of serious accidents.

Unsuitable Road Layout and Physical Constraints
Mill Lane is steep and narrow, with its lower section becoming one-way and restricted by a low bridge that cannot safely accommodate large vehicles. At the top of the road, there are blind spots where vehicles must stop and give way, forcing cars to edge forward on the steepest section to join Carrhill Lane. This is already a hazardous crossing point for children, and the addition of construction traffic would significantly worsen the danger. These physical constraints make safe use by heavy vehicles impractical and unsafe.

Emergency Access Concerns
Construction traffic could obstruct or delay emergency vehicles attempting to access the school or nearby residential properties, posing further unacceptable risks.

No Safe Passing Points
The limited width of Mill Lane means large vehicles would struggle to pass safely without mounting pavements or reversing—both of which are entirely unacceptable in a school environment.

Existing Congestion
Mill Lane already experiences severe congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times. The road cannot safely accommodate additional traffic without increasing risks and disruption.

Impact on Children's Health and Learning
Increased noise, vibration, and reduced air quality caused by heavy vehicles would

negatively affect classrooms and outdoor learning areas, impacting children's health, wellbeing, and ability to learn.

Disruption to Established Walking Routes
Mill Lane forms part of a key walking route used daily by pupils. Construction activity along this route would compromise its safety and discourage active travel.

Availability of Safer Alternatives
A safer and more suitable access route exists via Manchester Road, which would significantly reduce the risks posed to the school community.

For all of these reasons, we formally object to the use of Mill Lane for any construction-related traffic. We strongly urge decision-makers to give proper weight to these safety concerns and to require the use of safer alternative access routes.

Yours faithfully,
Mr and Mrs Gregson
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