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I have already emailed to object to the proposal to use Mill Lane and streets off as access for this scheme.

Today I learned that the proposals also include clearing a large proportion of the natural area known locally as Brookfields as a site compound.

I am writing to strongly object to this as well. Brookfields is a haven for nature and one of the few wild spaces in Mossley. It has tree preservation orders in place, and is home to a range of wild animals including deer and badgers.

Use of this area would mean a significant loss of habitat, and would cause issues for the local residents with road closures and potential hazards on Mill Lane.

Over the years, we have managed to resist the attempts of many developers to build on Brookfields, but once the area is cleared and wildlife killed or driven out, this would open up the site to developers, and this precious pocket of wilderness would be lost.

Add to this the danger of heavy machinery going down Carrhill Road and Mill Lane past the school - the pavement on Carrhill Road is less than a foot wide in places, so parents pushing prams to the school already have to walk in the road.

I believe the only feasible access to the railway is from Manchester Road. Even this will cause significant disruption to residents, but will at least be much less dangerous and permanently damaging to the area than the current proposal.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Victoria Bottomley

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE](#)
Subject: Objection to use of Mill Lane, Mossley for site traffic during rail upgrading work.
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I am writing to object to proposals to use Mill Lane for construction traffic during the proposed upgrading of Mossley Station, which are currently under consideration.

While we support the improvement of local transport infrastructure, we have serious concerns about Mill Lane being used to accommodate construction traffic during the works.

My son attended the school on Mill Lane, and living just a few yards away I am aware that it is already busy, congested and sometimes dangerous at school pick up and drop off times.

Mill Lane is not a safe or suitable route for heavy vehicles. It is steep, narrow, and becomes one-way at its lower end. With our school situated directly on this road, any increase in large-vehicle movements poses a very real risk to the safety of children, families, staff, and residents.

In addition to the obvious dangers, there are several other reasons why Mill Lane should not be considered:

- Safeguarding: Bringing heavy construction traffic onto the road directly outside school contradicts the duty of care owed to pupils.
- The school is located directly off Mill Lane, meaning any increase in heavy vehicle movements would coincide with the busiest times of day for children walking, cycling, and being dropped off.
- Mill lane is a steep narrow road, and its lower section becomes one way and cannot safely accommodate larger vehicles because of the low bridge. Additionally, at the top of Mill Lane there are blind spots when cars are meant to stop and give way. Cars have to edge forward at it's steepest part to get onto Carrhill Lane. This is already a dangerous area for our children when trying to cross the road. These physical constraints make it impossible for construction traffic to use the road safely without creating significant risks.
- Emergency access: Construction traffic could obstruct or delay emergency vehicles accessing the school or nearby homes.
- No safe passing space: The width of the road means large vehicles could struggle to navigate without mounting pavements or reversing—both unacceptable near a school.
- Existing congestion: Mill Lane is already heavily congested during school drop-off and pick-up times. It cannot safely accommodate additional traffic.
- Impact on children's health: Increased noise and reduced air quality from heavy vehicles would affect classrooms and outdoor areas.
- Disruption to walking routes: Mill Lane forms part of the main safe walking route used by pupils. Construction activity would compromise this.
- Safer alternatives exist: Access from Manchester Road is a safer alternative.

For these reasons, I am formally objecting to the use of Mill Lane for any construction-related traffic. I want to ensure that safety implications are clearly understood by those making the final decisions.

Yours faithfully

Victoria Bottomley
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