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I wish to complain of the short notice given to respond to this consultation - hence my late reply.

My house is situated [REDACTED] there are two 'pinch points' (bridge abutments one with restricted headroom) and a difficult road junction at the top of the hill where High Grove Road meets Mossley Road. When other temporary road works have taken place, heavy traffic congestion has taken place throughout its length as vehicles use this road as a short cut. Friezland school is situated at the bottom of the road and is regularly congested with cars two abreast outside where the parking is a no parking zone. The connecting and adjoining roads Church Road and Oaklands Road, (which has a bridge with restricted headroom) are similarly affected by traffic congestion when road works take place.

I use the rail service and would like to see the train frequency into from Greenfield Manchester increased or at least maintained as a minimum service.

How will delivery vehicles service the Tesco supermarket on Chew Valley Road during the period when the station road bridge is removed? I ask as these heavy articulated vehicles will have to navigate relatively narrow feeder roads some with cars parked on both sides, in particular Shaw Hall Bank Road. If it is the intention to remove the roadside parking at the station end of this road where is the compensatory parking for rail users to be sited? To reconcile the major disruption that will be caused by the removal of the station road bridge, a temporary road bridge should be provided for the duration of these bridge /road works for the businesses, residents and visitors.

I cannot emphasise enough that Whitsuntide and the Saddleworth Show are major events in Saddleworth. These events draw in people from far and wide and major road works such as road closures and restrictions should avoid these periods. It would be worthwhile if some of your staff could visit on these days particularly on Whit Friday when processions of witness take place in the morning and in the late afternoon and evening when many, many coaches filled with bandsmen and women queue along the approach roads to the areas where the contests take place.

On your web site you show Friezland Parish Hall car park (off Oaklands Road) is to be used as a site compound /storage area during the period of these works. If you have not already done so you should contact the vicar and the Church PCC without delay as the hall is used every weekday as a community playgroup including the car park. In addition the Church hall and car park is used as the competition area for one of the band concerts. Both of these provide local facilities and amenities and a source of much needed income for Friezland Church.

Regarding Wright's overbridge and the proposal to demolish it. Many true railway enthusiasts set up their recording and video equipment on the bridge when historical locomotives (Sir Nigel

Gresley et al) travel along this line from Mossley. The bridge gives a unique elevated vantage point to capture the engine, tender and carriages as they sweep around the bend in the track, which gives a lovely picturesque view of the train in a lovely rural sylvan setting. Can the track not be lowered to accommodate and give sufficient headroom for the new equipment that will be required? Or can the bridge abutments be retained and a new slightly higher pedestrian bridge with ramped approaches be provided to maintain local access for residents and ramblers and it would maintain a high vantage point for rail enthusiasts. By doing so it would avoid pedestrians using the alternative pedestrian route proposed, which from my experience and use is dark, and wet and muddy which deters users.

A new commuter station for Diggle was planned some years ago to develop the village and replace the disused one, why is it not part of these proposals?

I do hope you take my comments and suggestions into consideration and receive them as constructive and positive.

Kind Regards

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