

Mr & Mrs McDickens



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Dear Secretary of State

Please find our objection to the relocating of Mossley Train Station;

- The new location of the station with planned new pedestrian and vehicular entrances will cause traffic chaos on Manchester Road. This is a major A road through the town used by heavy goods vehicles, buses and the emergency services on a daily basis along with all the other commuter traffic. There will be backed up traffic due to the narrowing of the road in order to accommodate new pavements and accessible bus stops. Below is a photograph of the traffic backed up to the Mill Lane/Three Counties junction from the current train Station, over 350yds of backed up traffic and if the submitted plan is given the go ahead there will be another crossing and traffic lights in the middle of that traffic causing even longer tailbacks, This is not an isolated incident, this happens regularly especially in the morning, around school finish times, if multiple vehicles want to turn up onto Stamford Road and if there are any delivery vehicles causing obstructions along Manchester Road.



- When this plan goes ahead there are numerous residents who will lose the ability to park near their homes and this will cause a nightmare for traffic as residents and no doubt commuters will take to parking in every available inch of space they can find along Manchester Road. There is talk of a resident permit scheme being put into place but when asked about the ability of the council to police such a scheme the councillor for transport that I spoke with admitted they had no scope in their budget to police residential parking but still have the nerve to charge residents for it. That being said, there is no way all the residents' vehicles can be accommodated in the plans that have so far been mentioned. There are too many cars parking on Manchester Road that are overspill from the station car park that fills up very quickly in the morning and the provision of 5 disabled spaces and maybe 12 more along the wall (although I suspect those will not materialise and will be removed in revised plans) will not alleviate the parking problem.
- There is also planned growth for Mossley. New housing developments which bring more vehicles, more people wanting to commute and park in Mossley. The parking situation at neighbouring Greenfield station is very limited and a number of people travel to Mossley from Greenfield and Saddleworth to park and commute from there. This is not sustainable when there are going to be less parking spaces on Manchester Road.
- The noise and light pollution being forced on residents by putting crossings and stations with lights and announcements, beeping of the crossing and car horns, idling trains, taxis, idling buses etc outside residents homes is unacceptable.
- The proposed new pedestrian access has a Puffin crossing. In reality that means 3 controlled crossings within 350 yards of each other further hindering the flow of traffic on a major A road through the town.
- The relocation of the station moves it away from the town centre and forces users who access the station from its current location to walk the 300 yards from the main station parking area to the new station. That's a long walk in inclement weather. It also takes footfall away from the town centre businesses.
- The proposed new station is just an out of the box concrete and glass box that does not fit in with the character of Mossley. It will also encourage unsociable behaviour in the evenings as an area for youths to gather, this is not acceptable to the residents that will be affected by it.
- Potential structural damage to our homes from the drilling and piling. These old houses do not have deep foundations like new homes.
- Potential water ingress to our homes or onto the highway caused by diverting the many watercourses that run through the field behind the proposed new station, one of which runs under our house.



The above picture shines a spotlight on the parking situation on Manchester Road between Mill Lane and Portman Street junctions when residents of Mill Lane, Archer Street, Vernon Street and Woodbank Terrace need to get off to work in the morning and ice or snow is forecast. They park down here because their streets are not gritted and they need to be able to get to work. When there is snow and ice the staff of Milton School on Mill Lane also park on Manchester Road as they are unable to get down Mill Lane which is a steep ungritted road. If the proposed station move is allowed these people will not be able to park here but NO ONE seems to be able to come up with a plan of where they and we are supposed to park. This may seem like a minor issue to some but here in a mill town with narrow roads, hills and very few houses with drives it is a major issue and can not be rectified retrospectively , it needs to be addressed at the point of planning.

- The amount of construction vehicles needed to facilitate the new station will not only cause traffic chaos but also contaminate the road surfaces around the town, cause dirt and dust issues to our homes and noise pollution on a grand scale day and night.
- The vibration from the heavy machinery and the piling that needs to be done could cause huge structural damage to the homes close to the development. Our homes are over 100yrs old and as such do not have the deep concrete foundations that modern homes have.
- The persistent noise from machinery, vehicles and site workers (this will be for 2-4yrs!!!)

- The disrespect to us and our neighbours by Network Rail who thus far have refused to provide any concrete solutions to the problems we have highlighted and if you have read their works order they have submitted any potential problems they have highlighted all have the resolution "Network Rail will mitigate these issues" what does that even mean? Basically in my view that means they are offering no solutions and will wait until the problem becomes an issue then plead ignorance and assume no doubt that our council will sort the issue. That is not a planning strategy that any normal planning application is allowed to use.
- If we have to accept that a new station is being built then why can't Network Rail keep everything on their side of the large wall that divides Manchester Road from the railway, by keeping the entrance and exit that has been at the current station for decades there is no need to change things on Manchester Road, no need to install more traffic lights, no need for another crossing or to add more accessible bus stops as these are already in situ at the current station entrance.
- There needs to be major consideration to the plans to use Mill Lane. Someone needs to come to the site and see it. There is a primary school on this steep lane. The residents on the Lane and surrounding streets will have nowhere to park and worse still if granted the access road will pave the way for a housing estate that the town have been objecting to for years.

Please consider these points seriously.

Kind Regards
The McDickens family.

Victim Impact Statement for June Mcdickens of [REDACTED]

This may seem a little over the top however in the true sense of the title I am a victim. A victim of Network Rail.

They have come into my life and decided to turn it upside down with NO regard for the impact this will have on me. When this planning is passed my life will be catastrophically changed forever.

My house was chosen with care. Over the years we have made a house into a home, a sanctuary from the chaos of modern life. A place where I feel safe and can relax. But that will change beyond all recognition if the plans for a new train station are approved.

My sanctuary will be overlooked and noisy with flashing lights, idling traffic, noisy commuters and train announcements. My evenings will be peppered with youths shouting and being unsociable, with late night commuters spilling rowdily out of the station onto the pavement right in front of my house. YES I am a victim. I am being bullied by a bad inconsiderate neighbour that is Network Rail.

I had a choice when I purchased my house and I did not choose to live opposite a train station. Now I am being bullied into that very thing. I appreciate the current station does not meet the protected needs of some members of our community but where is the consideration for my protected needs? For the time, love, care and money I have put into my home. The value of my home will decrease as modern life forces the necessity for a car but if plans are passed there will be nowhere for a resident of my house to park thereby devaluing it.

The building of this station will go on for years and a portion of that work will be overnight. How am I supposed to function with no sleep, with constant noise and vibrations running through my house? We have requested compulsory purchase of our homes but this has been refused, why??? The disruption will be unbearable.

Why is there such a push to change everything for something new? The train station we have in Mossley is a lovely building that fits the town's heritage. Why can it not be modified to accommodate a lift? The Victorians were capable of great feats of engineering yet with today's modern technology we are being told the current station cannot be modified, why? Because it's easier to build a concrete monstrosity that will soon become a vandalised eyesore.

There is a compromise, if Network Rail were to keep all the changes on their side of the dividing wall that runs along Manchester Road. This way they get their new station and we get to keep our parking and relative peace. The town is saved from yet more traffic lights and congestion and the commuters exit the station towards the shops and businesses.

Please secretary of state, I implore you to google Mossley, in particular Manchester Road , look at what the proposed plans will mean to our living situation, and point out where all our cars are going to be parked. Try to empathize with us . This is just change for the sake of change, It will not improve the train services for the people of Mossley , there is no commitment to any increase in local train service only for more high speed trains that do not stop in Mossley.

Kind Regards
Mrs June Mcdickens