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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE; [redacted]
Subject: Transpennine upgrade work Stalybridge to Diggle TWA order
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Dear Transport Infrastructure Team

I am a member of the parochial church council of Christ Church Friezland which is situated immediately adjacent to the transpennine rail route.

I am emailing on behalf of the parochial church council to ask if the impact of increased frequency of trains along the railway would or could lead to subsidence damage to the gravestones in the graveyard of Christ Church friezland causing them to become at increased risk of falling over and potentially injuring people visiting the grave yard.

Also whether the work and increased frequency of trains could affect the structural integrity of the Grade 2 listed church building and whether increased noise would be noticeable enough that it could affect the usage of the church buildings.

If the answer to any of these questions is unknown or yes then I would like to object to the work going ahead on the grounds that its impact is either uncertain or potentially dangerous / disruptive.

We would also like your guarantee that the conducting of the work will not utilise any of the church land or buildings so that the everyday business of the church in conducting services, community events and groups, concerts, fairs, baptisms, weddings and funerals will be able to continue whilst the work is being undertaken.

I look forward to your addressing and acknowledging these concerns at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely

Guy Betts

Member of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Friezland

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From: [redacted]
To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
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Dear transport infrastructure team

I would like to object to a specific aspect of the proposed trasnpennine rail upgrade plan.

I am a local resident and partly responsible for management of Friezland church hall on Oaklands road in Friezland as a member of the parochial church council of Christ Church Friezland.

As part of the proposals for work on MVL3-25 Royal George Underbridge the plans include the use of the car park of christ church Friezland church hall as an area for storage of equipment and vehicles.

This is not a public car park. It is a walled car park and has in the recent past had a gate which can easily be replaced.

The land is owned by the church of england and has been in sole use by the church and people using the church facilities for at least 50 years.

The hall car park is vital for people attending the church as well as those families whose children attend the preschool in the hall and several groups which conduct community activities in the church hall in the evenings and at weekends.

Use of the car park would cause significant financial loss to friezland preschool that uses the hall as well as significant disruption to parents whose children attend the preschool and to the businesses that employ those parents if the preschool was forced to close due to concerns over noise or safeguarding of the children due to people coming and going in the car park.

It is also unnecessary as there is a secure area owned by network rail just on the other side of the bridge and a separate public car park owned by the council just on the other side of shaw hall bank road.

I would like you to make an assurance that the Christ Church Friezland church hall car park will not be used as a repository for equipment or vehicles during this work or for any other purpose.

I look forward to hearing your response at your earliest convenience

Sincerely

Dr. Guy Betts

Postal address is [redacted]