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Re: formal objection to the proposed relocation of Mossley Station and associated parking restrictions.

Dear Secretary of State,

I write to formally object to the proposed relocation of Mossley Station and the associated changes to parking arrangements for local residents as currently proposed by Network Rail.

While I acknowledge the importance of necessary transport developments and the need for more suitable disabled access, the current proposal will impose severe negative consequences on the surrounding residential community that have not been adequately assessed or suitably mitigated.

Noise and Disturbance

The construction phase and subsequent operation of a relocated station will inevitably increase noise, vibration and general disturbance levels. Prolonged building works, heavy machinery use, and ongoing operational activity will have a sustained impact on residents' quality of life, especially for families with young children, vulnerable residents, individuals working from home, and shift workers. No convincing or enforceable mitigation strategy has been presented to demonstrate how acceptable noise levels will be maintained.

Risk of Property Damage

The extensive use of heavy plant machinery close to existing dwellings presents a serious risk of structural damage arising from vibration and ground disturbance. Residents have not been given proper assurance through the provision of independent property surveys, damage monitoring plans or guaranteed compensation arrangements should such damage occur. This lack of certainty is causing considerable anxiety among homeowners.

Impact on Wildlife and Environment

The proposed relocation site risks degrading natural habitats and displacing local wildlife populations. Green spaces already face increasing pressure, yet sufficient environmental assessment and firm mitigation or replacement proposals have not been made public to justify proceeding with this development.

Anti-Social Behaviour and Community Safety

There are strong concerns that relocating the station to the proposed site could result in increased anti-social behaviour including vandalism, littering, noise disturbances, late-night congregation and general community safety issues. The plans fail to outline credible security provision, surveillance measures or appropriate policing strategies to prevent such outcomes and protect residents.

Property Devaluation

The cumulative impact of persistent noise, environmental disruption, potential safety concerns, heightened congestion risks and anticipated changes to residential amenity is likely to result in the devaluation of nearby properties. Homeowners face financial detriment through no fault of their own, yet no compensation scheme or property value protection has been proposed.

Consultation and Transparency

Residents have experienced repeated inconsistencies and contradiction in communications thus far concerning parking restrictions, environmental consequences, construction impacts and mitigation strategies. This lack of transparent, reliable information has significantly undermined confidence in the consultation process and raises concerns about whether the full consequences of the scheme have been honestly and fully presented to the affected community.

Parking Restrictions, Access and Insurance Implications

My most significant concern relates to the proposed parking restrictions associated with the station relocation. The area already experiences substantial congestion and limited on-street parking capacity. Existing restrictions (in both directions) have already displaced vehicles into the residential streets and there are simply no viable alternative parking areas available to absorb further displacement.

For many households this poses a severe accessibility issue. Families with young children, residents caring for elderly relatives or those with limited mobility, and individuals dependent on transporting work equipment or personal items rely on parking close to their homes. In my own case, I regularly need to carry several heavy bags, including valuable electronic equipment required for work along with my child and her school belongings. Being forced to park at significant distances would be impractical, unsafe and unmanageable on a daily basis.

The restrictions would not only disrupt essential daily routines, but also pose safety risks, including the potential for unsafe pedestrian conditions. Furthermore, forced relocation of vehicles into less secure or unsuitable areas increases the risk of theft, vandalism or accidental damage, potentially resulting in increased car insurance premiums. Similar concerns exist for home insurance, given the increased risk associated with nearby construction activities and property damage exposure.

These significant financial and practical consequences have not been properly addressed or mitigated within the proposals, something which is causing a great deal of concern for many local residents.

Conclusion

In its current form, this scheme places an unjust and disproportionate burden on the residential community it affects. The combined impact of noise disruption, construction risk, environmental loss, safety concerns, diminished property values, inconsistent consultation

practices, and – most critically – the unresolved and highly damaging parking restrictions renders this proposal wholly unacceptable.

I respectfully urge the Secretary of State to reject the proposal or require a fundamental redesign that prioritizes residents' safety, accessibility, financial security, and quality of life through proper consultation and enforceable mitigation measures.

Yours faithfully

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