PROOF OF EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

ANDREW FLETCHER

OBJECTION 130

USE OF PLOTS OF LAND IN SADDLEWORTH FOR

1. **A WORKING SITE AND ACCESS FOR CONSTRUCTION (Land plot 13 – 027)**
2. **A COMPOUND TO STORE FENCING MATERIALS (Land plot 16 – 049)**

NETWORK RAIL STALYBRIDGE TO DIGGLE

TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT ORDER

1 SUMMARY

1.1 I am Andrew Fletcher.

1.2 I have lived in Uppermill since 1974.

1.3 I gained a Postgraduate Diploma in Town Planning from the University of Manchester in 1975. From 1978 to 2006 I was employed by Oldham Council. In the later part of this period I was an Assistant Chief Executive and a Departmental Director. From 2006 to 2012 I was a consultant. My main area of work was providing support to the 10 Greater Manchester Councils.

1.4 I retired in 2012. Since 2016 I have, on a voluntary basis, helped the Saddleworth Parish Council prepare its Neighbourhood Plan, as a co-opted member of its Strategic Planning Committee

1.5 Since 2004 I have been registered disabled due to a degenerative form of sight impairment. This affects my experience of the outdoor environment. I may refer to this during my participation in the Inquiry. I am happy to be asked to provide further information about my condition if anyone feels this would be helpful.

1.6 I am strongly in support of the Transpennine Route Upgrade. I fully accept that the construction of TRU will involve disruption.

1.7 In this objection I have concentrated on two proposals affecting strategically significant landscaped areas near Uppermill. Here major adverse impacts could be avoided by very modest revisions to the TWAO. In my opinion, these revisions would be possible with scarcely any implications for the construction process, and none at all on the completed scheme.

1.8 I describe the sites in detail and explain their importance in terms of the local environment and economy.