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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to formally object to the proposal to use Mill Lane, Mossley, as an access route for construction traffic associated with the proposed upgrades to Mossley Station under the TransPennine Route Upgrade scheme. While there is support for improvements to local transport infrastructure, the use of Mill Lane for construction traffic raises serious and unacceptable safety concerns.

Mill Lane is not a safe or suitable route for heavy construction vehicles. It is a steep and narrow road, with its lower section operating as one-way and restricted by a low bridge. The road also contains blind spots at its junction with Carrhill Lane, where vehicles must edge forward on a steep incline. Mill Lane is already used as an alternative route from top Mossley to bottom Mossley if Stamford Street is blocked, as it is the only other route down. If the railway works cause any issues on Stamford street, Mill Lane will automatically become even more busier than it already is. These existing hazards already create difficulties for road users and present a significant risk to pedestrians.

Critically, a school is located directly on Mill Lane, meaning any increase in heavy vehicle movements would coincide with the busiest and most vulnerable times of day, including pupil drop-off and pick-up. The introduction of construction traffic in this location would significantly increase the risk to children, families, staff, and local residents.

Further concerns include:

- **Safeguarding and duty of care:** Routing heavy construction traffic immediately outside a school directly conflicts with safeguarding responsibilities.
- **Emergency access:** Construction vehicles could obstruct or delay access for emergency services to the school and nearby homes.
- **Lack of passing space:** The road width does not allow large vehicles to pass safely, increasing the likelihood of pavement mounting or reversing manoeuvres, both of which are unacceptable near a school.
- **Existing congestion:** Mill Lane already experiences significant congestion at peak school times and cannot safely accommodate additional traffic.
- **Environmental impact:** Increased noise and reduced air quality would negatively affect classrooms and outdoor learning spaces.
- **Pedestrian safety:** Mill Lane forms part of a key walking route for pupils, and construction activity would severely compromise its safety.

Given these factors, the physical constraints and safeguarding implications make it clear that Mill Lane is unsuitable for construction access. Safer alternative access routes exist, including from Manchester Road, which would significantly reduce the risks identified above.

For these reasons, I strongly object to the use of Mill Lane for any construction-related

traffic associated with the Mossley Station upgrade and urge this proposal to be reconsidered.

Thank you for taking these concerns into account. I trust that safety considerations—particularly those involving children—will be given the highest priority in the final decision.

Yours faithfully,

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