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To whom it may concern,

I'd like to raise concerns and raise an objection to the use of Mill Lane for construction vehicles or any additional traffic linked with the rail improvements works planned.

Mill lane is simply not a safe or suitable route for heavy vehicles. It is steep, narrow, and becomes one-way at its lower end. With a primary school situated directly on this road, any increase in large-vehicle movements poses a very real risk to the safety of children, families, staff, and residents.

In addition to the obvious dangers, there are several other reasons why Mill Lane should not be considered:

- **Safeguarding:** Bringing heavy construction traffic onto the road directly outside school contradicts the duty of care owed to pupils.
- The school is located directly off Mill Lane, meaning any increase in heavy vehicle movements would coincide with the busiest times of day for children walking, cycling, and being dropped off.
- Mill lane is a steep narrow road, and its lower section becomes one way and cannot safely accommodate larger vehicles because of the low bridge. Additionally, at the top of Mill Lane there are blind spots when cars are meant to stop and give way. Cars have to edge forward at its steepest part to get onto Carrhill Lane. This is already a dangerous area for children when trying to cross the road. These physical constraints make it impossible for construction traffic to use the road safely without creating significant risks.
- **Emergency access:** Construction traffic could obstruct or delay emergency vehicles accessing the school or nearby homes.
- **No safe passing space:** The width of the road means large vehicles could struggle to navigate without mounting pavements or reversing—both unacceptable near a school.
- **Existing congestion:** Mill Lane is already heavily congested during school drop-off and pick-up times. It cannot safely accommodate additional traffic.
- **Impact on children's health:** Increased noise and reduced air quality from heavy

vehicles would affect classrooms and outdoor areas.

- Disruption to walking routes: Mill Lane forms part of the main safe walking route used by pupils. Construction activity would compromise this.
- Safer alternatives exist: Access from Manchester Road is a safer alternative.

Please record my objection and reconsider.

Regards
V Edwards
Parent and school governor