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I am writing to object to the plan to use Mill Lane, Archer Street and especially Brookfields to build a works unit for the proposed new station at Mossley. This idea is absolutely ridiculous. The access route is via a steep narrow hill next to a primary school that already suffers from parking and traffic: it is totally unsuitable for any kind of large vehicle access. Carrhill Road, which leads onto Mill Lane, also has difficult and narrow access, worsened by parked cars. Brookfields itself is an important natural site, home to protected species of bat and badger - this site is totally unsuitable for a works compound.

Grounds for opposition:

Environmental / ecological impact

Brookfields is a locally important site for local wildlife, and a soak up site for much of the rain water that Mossley receives. Brookfields has mature trees, many of which are protected by Tree Preservation Orders, these provide both carbon capture and flood soak, both necessary as our weather patterns shift due to climate change, their destruction will only exasperate the situation. There is also a clue in the name: 'Brookfields' - if this area is cleared of trees and tarmacked, just where do you think that water run-off will go... onto the railway.

Access and traffic during and after building

Mill Lane is a narrow, steep road that runs by a primary school which already suffers from excess traffic during school hours and is used as a short cut particularly during rush hours. It is one way at the bottom, there is no safe or easy passing places and large vehicles can only access and exit on a steep, tight junction at the top of the hill: it is totally unsuitable for this proposed use (as recent history has shown). The works site will cause more traffic, more congestion and increased problems around parking and access, especially for the poor residents of Archer St. Parking in this area is already difficult and this proposal will lead to a large increase in traffic, road erosion and pollution next to a primary school.

Alternatives

It also seems unnecessary. Safer and easier access is available from Manchester Road where there is already ample space for a works unit and access to the site. There is a

large car park at the current Mossley station that could easily be used in whole or in part for ready access to the line and the proposed site. Think again - this current proposal is unnecessarily destructive as well as effectively unworkable for the local residents.