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Consultation response re Planning Application number 2020/70/93994/W

The charitable trustees and resident companies of the Watershed, a participatory arts venue situated at the top (near to Britannia Road) of Bridge Street, would like to respond to the application re Globe Mill and in particular to this request within the application - "We therefore request that the condition wording be varied to allow the construction of the bridge to take place within 5 years of the first occupation of the building."

We object to a five year delay to the bridge construction on the following grounds:

It is important to have the pedestrian link established as soon as possible between Globe and Carr Lane in central Slaithwaite. It is vital for local economic and social reasons to have Globe integrated into the centre of Slaithwaite and to make the pedestrian access attractive. The footbridge will facilitate easy walking between the Carr Lane area and the Globe. Many drivers currently park in the New Street area, which is an easy walk to the bridge.

The existing well-used bus stops on Carr Lane are also very close to the footbridge area.

The pavement down Bridge Street from the top, Britannia Road, end is uneven, not very wide, is often dominated by parked vehicles that can be sometimes on the pavement, and passing traffic can feel uncomfortably close. The passing traffic often includes HGVs en route to and from the wood businesses further down. It can often be an unpleasant pedestrian environment.