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From: Anne-Marie T
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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Chris Grayling,

I am writing to raise my objections regarding the Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) order.

I strongly object to the compulsory purchase orders on the farmland in order to build the railway. I do not believe that there is a compelling case for the compulsory purchase powers to acquire land for a non-essential infrastructure purpose as there will not be a tangible economic benefit to Robertsbridge. Rother Valley Railway have admitted that Robertsbridge would not benefit from this project.

I am concerned about the proposal for the level crossing on the A21. The A21 is an extremely busy road and has been named as one of the most dangerous roads in Britain. Building a level crossing on this road is contrary to the government's and Network Rail's policy to remove as many level crossings as possible. A level crossing on the A21 will lead to queues and disruptions on an already busy road. The level crossings will be closed 14 times a day and I am concerned how emergency vehicles will be able to get to parts of Robertsbridge and Salehurst when the level crossings are in use as the A21 is the main route to Robertsbridge.

I understand that there is also a flooding risk to properties in and around Robertsbridge and Salehurst. The flooding defences are yet untested and the impact of building the railway on these defences is unknown.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Yours sincerely,

Anne-Marie Tassoni

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