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Please find attached my objections to the proposals

Dr Catherine Lloyd

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Secretary of State for Transport
c/o Transports & Works Act Orders Unit
Department for Transport, Zone 1/18
Great Ministry House
33 Horseferry Road
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28 May 2018

Dear Secretary of State

Re: Rother Valley Railway (RVR)

I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms re the proposed RVR extension from Robertsbridge to Bodiam.

1) I live at

The railway will cross 3.5 km of flood plain and will significantly increase the risk of flooding to this important historic building. The road to our property, and the 3 adjacent properties, flood frequently with heavy and sustained rain, making the road impassable to cars, sometimes for days requiring access on footpaths. The proposed route of the RVR will alter the function of the flood plain to the detriment of the property.

2) The proposed route traverses an Area of Natural Beauty, which is a beautiful and peaceful valley. There will be destruction of natural habitat the home to birds, butterflies and moths, including nightingales and cuckoos. This is not to mention the pollution from the proposed diesel and steam trains.

3) There are 3 level crossings proposed on A21, Northbridge Street and B2244 (Junction Road) with the increased risk of accidents, and despite the fact that National Rail aims to remove level crossings not install new ones. The A21 has one of the highest accident rates in Sussex. They will also add long delays in each direction, especially at weekends and Bank Holidays.

4) There is no economic benefit to Robertsbridge, as RVR is staffed by volunteers, and visitors are expected to alight at Bodiam and Tenterden. Infact it will do the opposite, by forcing farmers to sell land (compulsory Protection Order) on productive farmland, held for generations

I would be grateful if you could give your attention to my concerns, and the negative impact it will have on Robertsbridge villagers, farmers, businesses and A21 users and NOT got give your support to RVR extension.

Yours sincerely

Signed electronically

Dr Catherine Lloyd