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From: Rebecca Morton
Sent: 27 May 2018 17:55
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: RVR proposed new railway - Bodiam to a Robertsbridge, East Sussex

Dear Sir

I am writing to object to Rother Valley Railway's application for a Transport and Works Act which incorporates a Compulsory Purchase Order to plough a railway line from Robertsbridge to Bodiam, East Sussex.

My reasons for objection are:-

This land is in AONB, and the damage that this railway will cause to the natural habitat of many birds, butterflies, moths and plant life will be horrendous. We should be encouraging the flora and fauna not destroying it.

The three level crossings necessary, will create more delays and accidents, particularly on the A21 which is already identified as one of the busiest and dangerous roads.

Rail embankments across flood plains will increase flood levels at Robertsbridge through to Bodiam. This in turn will be a threat to businesses and houses. RVR offer no financial contribution to increased flood defences.

RVR have admitted that most visitors are expected to alight at Bodiam and Tenterden, with any benefits being out of Robertsbridge. No new jobs will be created as RVR use volunteers.

If visitors are attracted to Robertsbridge, there is no provision for extra car parking or infrastructure. Long delays on local roads will cause disruption to the local residents.

The Compulsory Purchase Orders forced on the farmers having to sell their land which provides them and their families with a livelihood is outrageous. It is also setting a very dangerous precedent that very rich people can CPO land that is for none essential infrastructures. This taking of their land will render it un-farmable with some families that have owned this land for generations not only losing their only source of income but that of their employees.

Thank you for reading this email and I do hope that it will in some way strengthen the feeling that this development is not wanted and neither is viable, particularly when it is merely a whim of some very rich people.

With kind regards.

Rebecca and Andrew Morton