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I wish to lodge my objection to the Rother Valley Railway proposed extension from Bodiam to Robertsbridge.

The A21 is the main arterial road to Hastings, the installation of a level crossing at Robertsbridge is pure madness, for years we've put up with incompetent road planning causing never ending traffic jams at the end of the Tonbridge bypass, now with the road extension to Kippins Cross the jam has successfully been moved 5 miles down the road. Anyone who regularly drives on the A21 is very much aware that it is a car park and introducing a further level crossing at Robertsbridge pure madness proposed by cretins.

Regular users of the road are only too well aware of some significant businesses in the area who's lorries use this road daily, any sane person would question why these businesses should be made to suffer delays in distributing their products, if the plan goes ahead they should seek compensation from the railway enthusiasts.

The economics are questionable and the so call benefits highlighted by a bunch of railway cranks extremely dubious and that doesn't even touch on the regular flooding risk and proposed compulsory purchase which will effect farmers in the area who put food on our tables.

Steam trains are dirty and those of us who are old enough to have experienced the age of steam will appreciate the risk of fire on the embankments and to farmers crops who one hopes will be able to seek compensation from the railway.

I object in the strongest terms to this proposed crack pot plan.

John Watson

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