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From: Kirsty Collings
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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Objection to the RVR Railway

Dear Secretary of State for Transport,

I understand it must be a very hard task to know what to say yes or no to, so this letter is to simply to inform you from someone who has lived in the area for many years.

My name is **Kirsty Collings**

I have been living in for four years and currently enjoy the train puffing through the fields below me, it surprises me how many come past in a day and sometimes very late in to the night, but it was here when we came and its become part of the landscape, we are lucky to have a good flood plain on the other side of the track to deal with the massive amounts of water that build up in the River Rother in the winter months, touch wood, i have not yet seen the River burst its banks, but its often close and we do have double banks..

However, i also used to live in Robertsbridge... I can completely understand why the villagers are up in arms, after experiencing such awful floods there for many years and some still get threatened even now, the thought of loosing even a few metres of the flood plain would be terrifying... and for me a big enough reason not to build anything anywhere near Robertsbridge... But with this railway its not just that they are worried about, there is also the thought of a railway crossing on the A21, a road i already do my best to avoid due to the massive amounts of traffic heading down to the coast in the summer months. As a Robertsbridge resident we would do our best to stay in on bank holidays or sunny days as you can be pretty sure you will get stuck somewhere on the A21, often due to accidents, but sometime just the quantity of traffic, as i currently live next to the railway line at Newenden, I am well aware how many times I'm held up at the crossing on our busy, but so much smaller road, the idea of a similar crossing on the A21, seems complete madness, I would imagine that the residents of Robertsbridge lives would become pretty miserable..

Thank you for listening to my views, I do completely object to this build as I think it would strangle Hastings, ruin Robertsbridge and seems so very unnecessary.

Lets hope Robertsbridge does not become a Village where the villagers are flooded from their homes all winter and then stuck inside them all summer due to the traffic..

Many Thanks for you time

Kirsty Collings

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