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From: amy fenlon
Sent: 25 May 2018 13:35
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Re: Robertsbridge Railway extension, Rother Valley Railway

Thank you for your prompt reply. My details are:
Amy Fenlon

> On 25 May 2018, at 08:44, TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT <TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk> wrote:
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> Dear Madam,
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> Thank you for your e-mail in which you raise concerns on this application. Is it possible that you could provide a full postal address so that we can formally register you as an objector.
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> Yours faithfully
> Caroline O'Neill
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> Caroline O'Neill | Miss, Transport and Works Act Orders Unit,
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: amy fenlon [mailto:
> Sent: 24 May 2018 21:53
> To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT <TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk>
> Subject: Robertsbridge Railway extension, Rother Valley Railway
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> Good evening,
> I would like to register my concerns over the development of the Robertsbridge Steam Railway extension and what is a very disturbing development in the use of the Compulsory Purchase system. My understanding is that it was introduced to allow the development of essential infrastructure that would benefit the community in general.
> I have no opinion on railways one way or the other but I do have some serious reservations about what would appear to be a manipulation of a system designed to benefit communities at the behest of a specific interest group backed by considerable private wealth.
> I am left wondering what power the local government has if wealthy individuals are able to manipulate the system with such apparent ease. Are we allowing a precedent to be set where a company wishing to develop a theme park could use the same argument in order to purchase land?
> There are other issues around the practicalities of the extension but I am more uncomfortable with the abuse of the compulsory purchase order system and what it may mean for private land owners in the future and I would like to add my name to the long list of objectors to this project.
> I await your reply,
> Amy Fenlon
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