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**Sent:** 20 May 2018 20:17  
**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Subject:** Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Sir,

My name is Andrew Cole and I live a

I am writing to oppose the plans for Rother Valley Railway to extend its track from Robertsbridge to Bodiam.

There are several points I believe that should be considered.

1. 1. Robertsbridge already suffers parking issues around the railway station and traffic is regularly congested. Any increase in this will cause more local difficulties.
2. 2. The use of compulsory purchase for a leisure facility doesn't feel a fitting process, I do not believe the facility will be run as a commercial operation that enhances businesses in the area concerned. These days steam trains are a leisure attraction.
3. 3. The level crossings will create traffic disruption on a busy route to the south coast. From the report prepared by RVR I see that most predictions are based on average traffic flow. The main problems will arise at peak times when traffic flow will be much higher.
4. 4. If the A21 traffic flow is not seen as an issue why did we spend millions on the Tonbridge to Pembury section? We can see just further up the A21 from Robertsbridge at Flimwell the effect of a managed junction where queues are regularly several kilometres long at peak times.

The RVR proposal is obviously written to appeal but there are a number of concerns on the other side of the argument that should be considered. I hope you will bear them in mind.

Regards.

Andrew Cole.

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