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**From:** Melanie Crouch  
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**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Subject:** Robertsbridge - Rother Valley Railway extension

Dear Mr Grayling

I am writing to protest at the plans to extend the Rother Valley Railway into robertsbridge.

As a resident who lives on the A21 we suffer the consequences of poor road planning with summer volumes of traffic reaching unbearable noise and fume nuisance in addition to gridlocked roads and accident black spots.

To further add crossings at Robertsbridge would cause peak time interrupted traffic flows impacting on all residents going about their normal business.

The project appears to be a non-essential vanity project being promoted as an act of economic altruism and should not be approved to proceed.

The thought that a steam train run by enthusiasts can run across the main London to Hastings arterial road is simply laughable, farmland and the compulsory purchase of farm land will cause unnecessary suffering for a tourist attraction that hardly attracts tourists even in the high season.

The Residents in Robertsbridge are being caused unnecessary worry and anxiety by this " Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang" nonsense!

I hope common sense will prevail and the views of residences will take precedence over city investors.

Kind regards,

Melanie Crouch

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