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From: Leon Hardy
Sent: 22 May 2018 22:07
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Objection to Rother valley railway CPO

Dear Secretary of State

I feel I must write to you to object to the heritage railway expansion from bodiam to Robertsbridge there are so many issues regarding this project that are overwhelmingly alarming.

The proposed three level crossings goes against everything that network rail have been working towards since 2009 with the closure of approximately 1100 level crossings to date due to public safety and the fact that 3 crossings are going to be constructed within a 2 mile radius of each other is concerning because the two busiest north to south roads in this small area (B2244 and A21) will be severely affected.

The A21 is a very fragile out of date road which to be honest isn't fit for purpose anymore it cannot cope with the amount of traffic that pounds it everyday. I drive this road everyday commuting up to London this is a very dangerous road with frustrated users being stuck behind lorries for 20 miles at a time taking chances and risks and the one thing the people of Hastings and surrounding areas don't need is another obstacle or hold up on this road adding to their misery.

Today's date is May 21st 2018 and everywhere you look or every news broadcast you see and hear is about carbon footprints and emission cutting and the need to abandon the use of fossil fuels to improve air quality and this project seems to fly in the face of everything we are told to adhere to with the burning of colossal amounts of coal and the running of diesel locomotives without even the thought of attaching a fine air particulate filter to them. This railway will cross to my knowledge six water courses which all lead into the river Rother increasing the risk of pollution and poisoning to wildlife which use the river as their habitat and not to mention the destruction of the countryside along the proposed route.

The CPO to take land away from its rightful and legal owner for a non essential transport link is just plain wrong and immoral I'm sorry I'm not a very well educated man and I'm really finding it hard to put into words how I can express my feelings about this, you just can't go and take things that don't belong to you because you have a vast amount of money. It is wrong so very wrong those farmers gave up land for the Robertsbridge bypass back in the late 80's because the village needed it, those farmers gave up their land in the early 2000's for the flood defences because the village needed it don't you think they have given enough away?

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns

Your sincerely

Leon Hardy