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From: Gill
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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Rother Valley Railway proposals

Dear Sir

I am a resident of n East Sussex and a frequent user of the A21 to and from Robertsbridge and Hastings and am appalled by the proposal to shut this major road up to 14 times a day in order for a steam train to cross. This road is already the most dangerous in the country and there is no reason other than for vanity purposes to extend this hobby railway across it. The economic damage it would cause would far outweigh any income it might bring in. The Robertsbridge dual carriageway and the Tonbridge bypass on the A21 cost many millions, which works have been of great benefit to users in economic terms and to deliberately cause a bottleneck further on which would impact the residents of Robertsbridge and back to Hurst Green – already the subject of a likely bypass – is ludicrous. Roads in and around the A21 are also likely to be affected as accessing the A21 in Hurst Green from Etchingham can be difficult at periods of high usage in the summer. Therefore back roads would be used as rat runs to avoid any hold up thus causing more disruption on very small country lanes.

The impact on the local farmers who are already working under hard conditions is also short-sighted and to be abhorred. Some of them have farmed this area for generations and are custodians of a beautiful piece of outstanding countryside.

Please do throw out this planning application and safeguard our High Weald AONB from what is a daft idea.

Gillian Jackson

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