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Dept for Transport
Transport & Works Act Orders Unit
Dept of Transport
Zone 1/14-18, Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
London, SW1P 4DR

Dear Sirs

5th May 2018

Re: Proposed Rail Link between Bodiam and Robertsbridge

I am writing regarding the above proposal and have several concerns associated with the intended link between Bodiam and Robertsbridge.

The B2244 is an extremely busy and fast road which is limited to the national speed limit which is not policed. The majority of vehicles travel up that road far beyond the speed limit. There have been numerous accidents and at least one fatality on this road, the majority at the site where the rail crossing is to be located. My property along with six others are built very close to this road and very close to the intended rail crossing.

I arranged a visit with the local council as we have difficulty seeing out of our drive due to signage. I was advised simply that it was my fault for choosing to live there and it would be far too expensive to change or alter it

So how do you propose to slow the traffic without further increasing the risk of accident and noise pollution? And where do you propose to put up informative signage? An average speed camera, would I think be self-funding and resolve that problem for everyone including the emergency services, and be warranted.

The other issue is queuing stationary traffic. I would have to assume for safety reasons that the stop time for the crossing would be 2 minutes? That will mean queuing traffic backing up past our homes pumping out diesel and petrol fumes and noise pollution which most definitely will have a negative benefit regarding the health of those living in the vicinity, not to mention the fact that there will be billowing smoke from the steam trains which will not be very pleasant at all. Most especially in the summer months when people like to have their windows open.

Then there is the issue of where the line is to be sited... it is planned to run right up the middle of a fabulous corridor of our native trees including willow hawthorn, ash and some oak with wild garlic, bluebells and many other plant species.. there is a badger set and fox dens and many small rodents and over wintering bumble bee homes. The huge array of flowers offered by the trees and shrubs help sustain our bee population and it is really very important to keep this.

Looking at what they have done the other side of the road the treeline has been decimated and a small hedge planted as compensation.

This in no way compensates for what has been taken away. I understand that this is about to happen in the very near future right in the middle of the nesting season for our wild birds. If Farmers who provide us with items of real value are not allowed to take out hedging and trees, how can this be allowed? This is unacceptable on every level. Surely this is in breach of the law at this time of year?

We are also sited in an SSI. This must stand for something. We have a large colony of long eared Brown Bats and this is their specific habitat and roosting area. It must be a breaching their right as a protected species?

This is also our only barrier to help stem the noise pollution from the camp site. To add to this they are intending to build this on a flood plain.. Surely this is a crazy idea.. It surely cannot be allowed to compromise the flood risk situation most especially as potentially it will affect our properties.

And then there is the situation of compulsory purchase and closure of footpaths... I walk miles on the footpaths along with hundreds of other people. I don't see that a group of people wanting to pursue their hobby/passion should be allowed to squash the hobbies and passion of others just because they have financial backing. It may be their view that it will bring benefit to the local areas, but this believe is not that of the local people whose lives will be compromised. How is it that the land can be compulsorily purchased from someone who has no wish to sell for something that is not of national or significant importance? People should not be allowed to bully others into conceding their rights if they have no wish to.

I hope that the local council, voted in by the local people will listen to the local people and the property owners along the roadside and not ride roughshod over their thoughts, views and opinions just because they don't necessarily have the funding to stand and fight.

I await your response with interest

Yours faithfully

MR + MRS

WALCZAK

Shenaz Choudhary

From: Mandy ONion
Sent: 23 May 2018 10:44
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: No. 4 Udiam Cottage

Hi Shenaz

The surname of Philip and Karen Walczak

Kind Regards

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Director

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Shenaz Choudhary

From: Mandy ONion <mandy@peterjohnson.co.uk>
Sent: 22 May 2018 16:27
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: RE: Proposed Railway Objection Letters from collective Udiam Cottages, Junction Road

Hi Shenez

Karen and Philip.. I don't have their surname... I will get it for you tomorrow!

KR

Mandy

From: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT [mailto:TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk]
Sent: 22 May 2018 04:05 PM
To: 'Mandy ONion'
Subject: RE: Proposed Railway Objection Letters from collective Udiam Cottages, Junction Road

Hello Mandy,

Thank you for the explanation and with your further comments, we'll pass it on.

Kind regards

Shenaz Choudhary

Ps – who lives at

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From: Mandy ONion [mailto:mandy@peterjohnson.co.uk]
Sent: 22 May 2018 15:26
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT <TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Proposed Railway Objection Letters from collective Udiam Cottages, Junction Road

Hi Shenez

Barry Hobbs – I
Mandy O'Nion ·
Mrs Prodinge ·
Mr McGuinness ·
Miss Benstead ·

I don't know the surnames Is Karen and Philip
I don't know their surname - I will have to get this for you

Also Michael Gove is suggesting that we stop polluting the air by 2025 with smoke and diesel fumes as it is so detrimental to our health...

Worth even further consideration bearing in mind they want to run diesel engines up and down this line too..

Kind Regards
Mandy

From: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT [<mailto:TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk>]
Sent: 22 May 2018 12:30 PM
To: 'Mandy ONion'
Cc: Colin Dunn; Caroline O'Neill
Subject: RE: Proposed Railway Objection Letters from collective Udiam Cottages, Junction Road

Dear Ms O'Nion,

Thank you for your e-mail with all the attachments.

As the attachments are single, I am having difficulty trying to ascertain which owner of _____ belongs to which person. As I have to register each objector and I require their name and address. I do not want to get the wrong person with the wrong address?

Therefore, I have looked at all the attachments and I would be grateful if you can assist with my queries.

IMG_2018 0521_001 second sheet of the letter and signed by Barry W Hobbs
IMG_2018 0521_002 first sheet and is address from _____
IMG_2018 0521_003 the second sheet of the letter has a signature which I cannot recognise and I need to know what the name is so I can register the objection. Can you please clarify this for me.
IMG_2018 0521_004 the first sheet is the same as to IMG_2018 0521_002
IMG_2018 0521_005 this document is exactly the same as IMG_2018 0521_003
IMG_2018 0521_006 first sheet and is address from _____
IMG_2018 0521_007 Second sheet to a letter and signed by Mrs Prodinger, but which property does she live at?
IMG_2018 0521_008 first sheet and is address from _____
IMG_2018 0521_009 Second sheet to a letter and signed by Kevin McGuiness, but which property does he live at?
IMG_2018 0521_010 first sheet and is address from _____ (same as IMG_2018 0521_008)
IMG_2018 0521_011 Second sheet to a letter signed by Emily Benstead, but which property does she live at?
IMG_2018 0521_012 first sheet and is address from _____
IMG_2018 0521_013 second sheet of the letter and signed by Barry W Hobbs (same as IMG_2018 0521_001)

If you can let me know of the answers to my questions, I would be grateful.

Many thanks
Shenaz Choudhary

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From: Mandy ONion [<mailto:mandy@peterjohnson.co.uk>]
Sent: 21 May 2018 12:00
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT <TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: Proposed Railway Objection Letters from collective Udiam Cottages, Junction Road
Importance: High

Hi Shenaz

Please find attached all the copies of the letters
Kind Regards