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Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP  
Secretary of State for Transport  
c/o Transport & Works Act Orders Unit  
Department for Transport, Zone 1/18  
Great Minster House  
33 Horseferry Road  
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Re: **Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order**

Dear Mr Grayling,

I am writing to **OBJECT** to the RVR plans to install level crossings over 3 roads. The one over the Robertsbridge Road at the Clappers and the one across the A229 will be a nuisance for locals. The one across the **A21** is going to cause traffic congestion on a major road. This is unacceptable to the individuals and businesses who use it frequently.

These Crossings are notoriously dangerous (as featured regularly on local and national news programmes) and Network Rail is in the process of closing many hundreds of such crossings on safety grounds. It is worth noting, these closures are to proper Network Rail crossings NOT just pleasure lines like the one proposed by RVR.

The RVR plans include crossing Bridleway 36. Crossing a railway line used by noisy locomotives, on horseback would not be for the fainthearted and obviously dangerous. I would go so far as to say a bridleway crossed by a railway, is not really fit for purpose. The bridleway which crosses the Rother valley is the only one in the vicinity for me. Many dog walkers also use the paths which would be dissected by the proposed railway and there are again obvious safety issues for them. The impact of a railway along the paths would be detrimental for anyone who uses them; the local community as well as visitors.

Yours

Fiona Gregory