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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: The Rover Valley Railway

Dear Chris Grayling MP,

I am writing to you in regards to the proposed RVR extension from Robertsbridge to Bodiam.

Firstly i am in disbelief that consideration for a compulsory purchase to acquire working farm land for a non essential infrastructure is even being considered. These farms have been a key part of our community for generations and provide so much to locals. Not only this, I cannot believe that taking someone's land against their will is even being considered. These are hard working local people who will be effected should this go ahead. Their land will be separated by a railway meaning farming will become difficult and even impossible in some areas. My main upset in this, is why should someone have to give up their land? For a non-essential hobby railway. Surely we should be fully backing our British farmers.

I also have major concerns regarding the proposal for three new level crossings, one of which will cross the busy A21. This is the main road from Hastings to London, there is no argument that this will cause major disruption. I am sure this will cause motorists to divert through Robertsbridge itself to prevent themselves being stuck in traffic, causing yet more chaos in the already traffic heavy village.

I have lived in Robertsbridge my whole life, years. is a road up from the Railway Station. Parking here is almost impossible, commuters using the train avoid paying for parking in the station car park and instead leave their vehicle parked in As I am sure you can appreciate this causes huge issues for us who live here. This will without doubt increase even more should the RVR go ahead. Why would tourists pay for parking at the station when they have free parking less than a 2 minute walk away. This is extremely frustrating for us already and we along with our neighbours are extremely anxious for the proposals.

The reports establishing the risk of flooding within parts of the village has shown an increase risk to properties in and around Robertsbridge and Salehurst. Again this has not been mitigated.

Please can i ask for consideration for a public enquiry into this matter, to provide the people of my community to have their voices heard. As we are the individuals that will be mostly effected by this proposal.

Kind Regards,
Miss Hayley Keen

