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**Caroline O'Neill**

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**From:** Caren Keen  
**Sent:** 24 May 2018 17:09  
**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Subject:** Re: The Rover Valley Railway

Hi Caroline,

Thank you so much for your quick response, my address is

Kind regards

Caren Keen.

On Thu, 24 May 2018 16:21 TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT,  
<[TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk](mailto:TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Mrs Keen,

Thank you for your e-mail. Is it possible that you could provide a full postal address so that we can formally register you as an objector to this application.

Kind regards

Caroline O'Neill

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**From:** Caren Keen [mailto:  
**Sent:** 23 May 2018 21:39  
**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT <[TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk](mailto:TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** The Rover Valley Railway

Dear Chris Grayling MP,

I am writing to you regarding the plans for the steam train extension from Bodiam to Robertsbridge.

As you must already know Robertsbridge is a huge commuter area to London. As a resident of Robertsbridge station, parking is already a huge problem to us.

We have attended the various meetings regarding the steam train and it has been made clear that there is to be no parking facilities made available for the public to use.

It is also very clear that the commuters will be traveling from Robertsbridge to Tenterden as there is good reason to travel in that direction and not the reverse. Due to Bodiam having the popular national trust castle, Tenterden being a town of many lovely shops restaurants play park and swimming pool. Robertsbridge just having a small bakers to offer with no pathway to walk on meaning people will need to walk the children on the road to get there. The roads in Robertsbridge will be used as a car park.

I feel that there is also the question of cutting our lovely beautiful village in half.

I know of several family's that will have their property's affected by this at very least their land cut in half. This is going to have a huge affect on these people's earning, lively hood and way of life. I feel very strongly about the fact that we all work very hard for many many years of our life to pay for what is ours, to then have it taken away from you feels criminal. Many of the farms having been in there family's for a 100 year, soul destroying.

For something that is not live saving or essential but for a project for fun and that the people doing this do not even live in the area, therefore it has no affect on them.

Rebertsbridge has suffered for many years to the flooding of the village, it can't be possible that building a railway directly through the flood defences won't put peoples homes in the village in great danger of flooding yet again.

I have lived in the village for 25 years, having spoken to many people it is clear that they are not aware of the consequences of the steam train, I can only imagine the concerns after the deed when it will be to late.

I invite you to come and sit on our patch of the A21 the only main road from the south coast to London, especially near a weekend or particularly a bank holiday and question weather it would be a good idea to cross the A21 with a steam train.

I please ask you to have a public enquiry into this matter to allow the local people of my community to have their voices heard.

I thank you for taking the time to read my e-mail.

Kind Regards

Mrs Caren Keen.

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