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Sent: 24 May 2018 14:32
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Mr Grayling

I am contacting you to register my objection to the proposed extension to the RVR.

It is both Government and Network Rail's policy to remove level crossings where possible, as they are deemed dangerous, yet this proposal looks to introduce THREE new level crossings. One of these is planned to cross the A21, a busy arterial road.

The closure of the A21, even for a short period, would increase pollution levels from vehicles queueing and there would be increased diesel pollution from the trains themselves; something I know the Government is seeking to reduce quickly.

There would be loss of established habitat if the proposal were together agreed, resulting in displacement or death of fauna and destruction of emission capturing flora.

RVR's claim that it is a track reinstatement is false. There is no longer a track bed along the proposed route.

The use of compulsory purchase orders to enable this proposal cannot be justified.

There is no hard evidence of any economic benefit to any community; rather it appears the main beneficiary would be RVR.

I would ask that you deny this order and refuse permission for this project.

Yours sincerely

Petrina Kempton