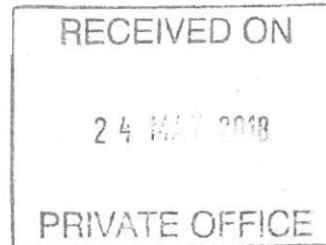


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21.5.2018.

Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Roberstbridge) order

Dear Sir,

with reference to the above order I object for the following reasons.

Firstly a level crossing on the A21 London Hastings trunk road within a short distance of a roundabout, with a projected 14 crossings a day, is adding danger to an already dangerous road, at a time when Network Rail and government are trying to remove level crossings where necessary, also standing traffic with idling engines will create more pollution.

A great deal of public money has been spent on upgrading the A21, and more works are soon to follow, a level crossing at Robertsbridge will in no way contribute to the future, hoped for, smooth running of the A21. One crossing in the town will not improve traffic flow, after all the bypass was built to ease traffic congestion in the town, A further crossing on the B2244 will mean another rural road subject to hold ups.

RVR admit it will have no benefit to Roberstbridge plus there is only limited parking around the station.

Compulsory purchase of quality agricultural land at a time when we need as much grown here as possible to cut back on food miles is simply a disgrace, plus habitat loss in a AONB.

This is also a new railway, not a reinstated one as the original track bed no longer exists.

Building on a flood plain at a time when environmentalists warn of wetter weather in the future seems at best foolhardy.

I hope you will note my objections in your deliberations.

Yours faithfully,

P.Lewis