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Subject

Proposed level crossing on the A21 at Robertsbridge and related CPO to expand the Rother Valley Railway

Enquiry details

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong objection to the ill conceived plan to expand the Rother Valley Railway to Robertsbridge and beyond.

As a daily user of the A21, I am particularly concerned about the impact of the project on the that road.

As the Department will be aware, the recent dual carriage works on the A21 at Tunbridge Wells were necessary to address the volume of traffic on the road that increasingly travels past Robertsbridge to Hastings and the South Coast. The volume of traffic causes substantial delays on the A21 at the Flimwell lights (queues in excess of 2 miles are common at peak times). The idea that a major trunk road could be blocked by a level crossing (almost immediately after a roundabout) for what is essentially a recreational railway project with no amenity value to the local community is bizarre at best.

Unless the Department is contemplating a similar major project to that recently completed at Tunbridge Wells, including a tunnel or bridge for the railway (and addressing the major flooding risk that the project will involve) I find it very hard to see any logic to what is proposed.

I would like to call for a full public enquiry before this fundamentally flawed project is given any more oxygen.

Paul Richardson

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