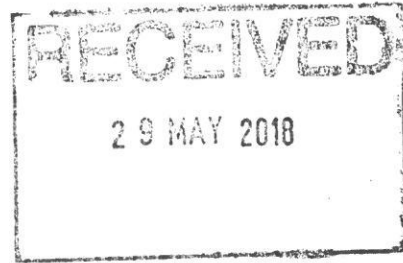


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24th May 2018

Dear Sir,

Re: Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

I am writing to express my disquiet and opposition to the proposed steam train line from Bodiam to Robertsbridge. Although I do not live directly near the proposed line, I have family who do and am a regular visitor to Robertsbridge. My objections are based on the following points –

- The installation of three road level crossings, two of which are across very dangerous and fast roads. This goes against the Government's policy to reduce the number of level crossings as they are dangerous
- A fourth level crossing is to go across a local bridleway causing danger to those who use it on horseback,
- Robertsbridge has a flooding problem which will almost certainly be exacerbated by the proposed rail line crossing the flood plain
- Compulsory Purchase orders should not be used by a charity to force farmers to sell their land unwillingly, especially for a hobby railway/tourist attraction that isn't wanted in the area by the vast number of residents
- The habitat of a beautiful valley at Moat Farm will be destroyed by building a rail line along its unspoilt length
- The village of Robertsbridge will not gain anything from the influx of tourists who will merely go to Bodiam and Tenterden to spend their money
- The parking and congestion in Robertsbridge is already bad and will be made worse if the line is allowed to go ahead

Please therefore take this letter as a heartfelt objection to the proposed railway.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Joan Nailard