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RT. Hon Chris Grayling MP
Secretary of State for Transport
c/o Transport and Works Act Orders Unit
Department of Transport, Zone 1/18
Great Minster House
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Dear Mr. Grayling,

I am writing in the hope that common sense will prevail over the proposed idea of extending the Rother Valley Railway from Robertsbridge to Bodium.

To put a compulsory purchase order on one of the most beautiful farms in the South East, totally down to grass (rare today) surrounded by fantastic trees brimming with wild life is unbelievable.

My personal worry is flooding. I am eighty years old and live in the lowest part of Station Road and when the bye pass was built I had four foot of water in my house. I lost everything.

I believe to put a railway crossing on the A21 reputed to be one of the most dangerous roads in the country would be laughable if it wasn't so serious.

I gather 100 crossings are being removed every year due to safety.

The roads here are already full of parked cars and its too small to take many more. The people visiting are far more likely to go to Bodium or Tenterden than to stay here in this village leaving their car here.

I am simply appalled that a group of very wealthy individuals have the power to ruin our village in order to "play" with trains.

Yours sincerely