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Sent: 29 May 2018 23:14
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Objection to Rother Valley Railway(Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) order.

Elizabeth K Hoad

29/05/18

Dear Mr. Grayling MP,

I am writing to object to the proposed CPO and TWAO by Rother Valley Railway(RVR) my reasons are as follows:-

I really feel that there is absolutely no compelling case for Compulsory Purchase powers to be used to acquire the land for this non essential infrastructure/hobby railway.

I do not feel that there will be enough economic benefit to the surrounding area to warrant this project going ahead and the continued disruption it will cause.
RVR themselves have also stated that Robertsbridge would not benefit from this project!

There will be 3 new level crossings, one of which will be over the A21, which I believe will cause huge disruptions to motorists both travelling along the A21 and to those local to Robertsbridge itself. This proposal is contrary to the Government's and Network Rail's policy to remove as many level crossings as possible as they are deemed dangerous.
One of the other proposed level crossings is on the B2244 which is an incredibly fast road, the very thought of there being a crossing on this road is seriously worrying.

It is my belief that there will be a marked increase in the risk of flooding.
Reports show(including one from RVR themselves!) that there is an increased potential for flooding to properties in and around Salehurst and Robertsbridge.
Millions of Pounds has already been spent on the flood defences in Robertsbridge which will, in my opinion become useless or redundant against the flooding if this order gets the go ahead. This is due in part to the new embankment needing to be a few metres higher than the original one due the the bypass.
Also, these risks have not been mitigated in the RVR report.

The destruction of a beautiful and tranquil wooded area on Moat farm which has remained untouched for decades allowing the flora and fauna to thrive(some of which is rare)is an incredibly upsetting prospect and should not be allowed. This is after all an Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty!!

Seeing as the track bed/embankment on the farms has been removed then this venture is a NEW one and not a reinstatement of the old line as claimed by RVR.

The documents given by RVR appear to be inadequate/out of date and therefore a public enquiry should be held.

I believe there will be an increase in noise, smoke and diesel fume pollution from trains and emissions from cars being held up by the level crossings and extended waiting times on the roundabout.

I implore you to please not allow this order to be passed.

Yours Sincerely

Elizabeth k Hoad

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