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From: Charlotte Pearson-Wood
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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Sirs

I write to object and comment on the above matter.

As a rural surveyor I am used to clients having land compulsorily squired for necessary road schemes, mains service pipelines etc. All these schemes are instigated by government policies to benefit the public interest by improving infrastructure and or services.

Although many clients I have dealt with are upset about having land compulsorily acquired they understand the need for the greater good to improve national infrastructure and support national policies. I cannot however see any good in the proposed order. The steam railway is a tourist attraction and will not provide improved travel and connection.

The thought that a private individual can acquire private land because of a pipe dream of a large scale toy railway line is prosperous. The families involved have owned and farmed the land for hundreds of years. Their farms are their livelihood, their homes and their children's future.

I am also concerned that by letting this order go ahead this sets a precedent to allow others to do a similar type of project.

In addition I use the main A21 to get to work every. This road is the main trunk road connecting London to the southeast. It is extremely busy especially during peak times any disruption to this road would be dangerous and create further congestion than is already present.

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Kind Regards
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