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Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Sir,

I am writing to object to the proposal by Rother Valley Railway to extend the railway line between Tenterden and Bodiam to Robertsbridge.

I feel it is unnecessary to use the powers of compulsory purchase for a hobby steam railway. Surely compulsory purchase powers should be used when there is a widespread benefit, for example when the Robertsbridge by pass was built?

Rother Valley railway have admitted that Robertsbridge will not benefit economically from the extension of the line. Yet the residents will have to suffer from increased congestion and parking difficulties caused by the scheme.

The A21 is considered to be one of the most dangerous roads in the country. It cannot be wise to build a level crossing on this road. The A21 already suffers from bad congestion. This will only increase if there is a level crossing on this road.

The increased risk of flooding caused by the new railway embankment is also a concern, especially as Rother Valley railway will make no financial contribution for increased flood defences.

Yours sincerely