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Mr Grayling

As a resident of the \_\_\_\_\_ parish I am writing to express my objection to the proposed development of the RVR project between Robertsbridge and Bodiam. My concerns include the following:

- Flooding risk. Reports show increased flooding potential to properties in and around Robertsbridge and Salehurst, which have not been mitigated. The railway track needs to be built on an elevated embankment which must displace water in the surrounding fields and therefore increase the risk of flooding especially to our property adjoining the proposed railway line.
- No compelling case for Compulsory Purchase powers to be used to acquire land for non essential infrastructure/hobby railway.
- No tangible economic benefit to surrounding area. RVR have also admitted that Robertsbridge would not benefit from this project. Indeed the disbenefits will include additional traffic congestion and associated problems due to inadequate parking in the village.
- A total of three new level crossings, one of which will be across the busy A21. This will cause huge disruption to motorists and is contrary to the Government's and Network Rail's policy to remove as many level crossings as possible as they are deemed to be dangerous.
- Destruction of habitats on Moat farm that have been untouched for decades.

- This is a new railway not a reinstatement as claimed by RVR. The track bed does not exist any longer.
- Requests for a public enquiry as the documents appear to be inadequate/out of date.
- Noise, smoke, soot and diesel fume pollution from the trains and emissions from cars held up at the level crossings.

Regards  
Jeremy Knott

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