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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to register my objection to the Rother Valley Railways proposals to extending the line from Robertsbridge to Bodiam, planning notice RR/2014/1608/P with Rother district council.

As a local business owner and a resident of this parish, I can see no benefit to our village if these proposed works are allowed to go ahead. In fact I see them as being detrimental on many levels.

The Rother Valley Railway is a non-essential tourist attraction that could destroy the livelihoods of local farmers. Farmers who have farmed this land as families for generations.

There is no compelling case for Compulsory Purchase powers to be used to acquire land for non essential infrastructure/hobby railway. A bus that ferried people from Robertsbridge station to Bodiam would be far less invasive solution than the current proposals for a railway.

No tangible economic benefit to surrounding area. RVR have also admitted that Robertsbridge would not benefit from this project. We already have a shortage of parking in the village and the main high street is narrow and overcrowded as it is.

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.

Flooding risk. Reports show increased flooding potential to properties in and around Robertsbridge and Salehurst. These have not been mitigated.

Destruction of habitats on Moat farm that have been untouched for decades. The Rother valley is in

The High Weald, an ANOB, in which the proposed route is situated, is one of Europe's very few Medieval Landscapes that has been mainly unchanged since that time. It is *"a medieval landscape of wooded, rolling hills studded with sandstone outcrops; small, irregular-shaped fields; scattered farmsteads; and ancient routeways."*

There are many sites of archaeological importance close to the route, along with pristine habitats for native flora and fauna. .

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 Requests for a public enquiry as the documents appear to be inadequate/out of date.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 and diesel fume pollution from the trains and emissions from cars held up at the level crossings.

I have tried to keep this brief and to the point. I trust that you will consider the objections raised when looking at this case for compulsory purchase.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Collier-Keywood

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