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Subject: Planning Application (Ref: RR/2014/1608/P) Extension of Mother Valley Railway

Mr Samuel Miller

Dear Secretary of State.

I write to you regarding planning application ref RR/2014/1608/P, the extension of the Rother Valley Railway from Bodiam to Robertsbridge in East Sussex. My understanding that this would involve construction of 3 level crossings, including one across the A21 near Robertsbridge.

I commute by car from my home in to Tunbridge Wells, Kent every day. I have done so for the past 20 years and can say with a degree of certainty that this proposal is a very bad idea.

As you are probably well aware the A21 is the main trunk road from to Royal Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks. Over the years the road has got busier and has got more and more dangerous and has recently earned the moniker of 'The most Dangerous Road in Britain' (Source - The Road Safety Foundation).

Any development to this road needs to be to alleviate congestion, rather than cause more of it. A level crossing across this road will be disastrous on several grounds, those being -

- Cause more congestion
- Cause more pollution as cars wait for slow, polluting trains to pass
- (Potentially) cause more accidents. The most dangerous road in Britain hosts a lot of reckless and idiotic drivers, and I could see a lot of them trying to 'run the gauntlet' and beat the crossing barriers.
- There would be no tangible benefit to the surrounding area

Plus many more reasons.

I can assure you that if you had to use this road on a regular basis then you would have dismissed this ludicrous proposal long ago, and I implore you to make the right decision and reject this application and consign it to the bin.

Yours Faithfully

Samuel Miller (Mr)