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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Rother Valley Railway

Good Afternoon,

I wish to express my objection to the proposed extension to the Rother Valley Railway. The route will need to cross three roads including the A21 as well as 3.5km of flood plain. The A21 is one of the most dangerous roads in Sussex and this will cause increased congestion particularly on weekends and Bank Holidays.

Already a high risk flood area, necessitating flood barriers to be raised at certain times in the High Street, a railway embankment will only add to the problem and there is to be no financial contribution from RVR for extra flood defences.

There is no provision for parking in the village and RVR forecast 50,000 visitors will join the RVR at Robertsbridge in a concentrated time period. This will cause long delays and disruption to the village and local roads.

RVR admit most visitors are expected to alight at Bodiam or Tenterden so will not bring any economic benefit to Robertsbridge.

The use of steam and diesel trains through a registered Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty will bring excessive noise and pollution and will damage the natural habitat of many birds, butterflies, moths and plant life.

Aside from the damage, congestion and pollution this extension will bring to the local area I most strongly object to the Compulsory Purchase of farmland which is not for sale. Farmland which has been held for generations creating local jobs and providing a livelihood for local farmers and people.

Yours faithfully

Paula Brett