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Sent: 13 May 2018 14:43
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Objection to Rother Valley railway

Dear Chris Grayling

Reference: Rother Valley railway (bodium to robertsbridge junction)

Thomas Black

I'm writing to object on the forthcoming application to link up robertsbridge to bodium. My family have lived in robertsbridge for over 70 years and have memories of this past time. What strikes me recently that's lead me to go out of my way and write to you is the manner of this. I was very much on the fence with this idea at first but the more you learn from the way the land owners are being handled is totally unacceptable. These families have worked hard for their land and how can it seem possible that an organisation can threaten compulsory purchases at them for something that just seems like a pleasure for all and not a necessity. I would understand if it had benefits that would greatly help people but it seems like it's not greatly needed for robertsbridge and it's community. My house is situated on which you enter the a21 directly up from the proposed crossing, it already can take me sometime to cross that busy road in the mornings and the building of the crossing would significantly affect my day to day life. I can no longer see the benefit of having this connection. Robertsbridge have a strong community and it's way of life make it so appealing already for new homeowners. Thanks for taking the time to read my thoughts

Kind regards
Thomas black

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