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From: Gail Augarde
Sent: 13 May 2018 23:12
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: CPO Robertsbridge to Bodiam

Dear Sir

I am writing to register my objection to the Compulsory Purchase Order on the land opposite to my house and adjacent to my business.

Primarily I am concerned about the effects of this project on our local environment. The countryside around us has been designated A.O.N.B and for good reason. I look out onto a mixed landscape of woodland and water meadows supporting many protected species. The various reptiles, mammals, plants, insects and birds are at the very least likely to be uprooted and at the worst will be lost to the Rother valley for ever. The noise and pollution which this railway will bring would also have a detrimental impact on all of the above. This cannot be allowed in order to satisfy the whims of a group of wealthy businessmen and steam fanatics.

There are many other factors which make this project unviable: The planned crossing of the A21 which is a main trunk road between south London and Hastings and is already congested and dangerous; the increase of flood levels at Robertsbridge which has already had many issues with flooding in recent years; the proposed increase in visitor numbers without any car parking provision (and if all the predicted visitors arrive and leave by national rail there will be no benefit to local businesses).

As a Salehurst resident for nearly 40 years we have supported our local farmers who are so vital to the local economy. The two families who will be most affected by this CPO do NOT want to sell their land. It is immoral that such an order can possibly go ahead.

I hope my views can be taken into consideration.

Yours

Gail Augarde

Mrs Gail Augarde

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