

**From:** adele rogers  
**Sent:** 14 May 2018 12:03  
**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Subject:** Objections to RVR railway crossing.

Dear Secretary of State for Transport,

I am writing to make clear my reasons for objecting to the proposed railway crossing over 3 roads and areas of outstanding natural beauty.

The railway will be built upon a high embankment which will involve hundreds of trees being cut down in an AONB. The trees should have a TPO given as the area is supporting a wide range of wildlife, plants and fauna which will be completely eradicated and cannot be created again.

The proposed line runs across natural flood plains and water meadows which support a diverse ecosystem and the building of the embankment and concrete road will disrupt the natural ebb and flow of these flood plains, changing the course of its drainage added to which the emissions from diesel and steam will disrupt the subtle balance sustained so impeccably now. There has been no provision, financially from RVR towards the costs of increased flood defences.

The disruption caused by such works will be widespread and lengthy, affecting commuters, townsfolk, villagers and farmers working their land more than the benefits of the service both financial and environmental. Wildlife cannot be re-located as in the rare Blue Under-winged moth, sea trout,

Robertsbridge will be cornered by 3 level crossings (with no provision being made for any parking). Commuters travelling south on the A21 will encounter the pedestrian crossing firstly, then as the roundabout is approached drivers will see that the double level crossing gates will be lowered and turn right off the roundabout in an attempt to avoid the delay in waiting for the train to pass across. Drivers will then encounter another level crossing in the village but if they are lucky enough to miss that then the tail-back of traffic at the top of the village joining the A21 again will be long and drivers will become even more frustrated.

Bank holidays other National holidays and major events will be severely affected by the unnecessary crossing, which will also be showing an increase to the crossings made by the trains. Commuters and holiday makers will be sitting in the toxic fumes of waiting traffic while more toxic fumes of coal and diesel will be raining down upon them.

I am not a wealthy land owner and have rented for 26 years in this corner of E Sussex but our life-style and commuting routes will encounter delays which are bad enough already on such a busy and dangerous road as the A21.

Please reconsider this madcap plan especially as it will bring no financial reward just an ecological disaster which cannot recover in time to have any benefits. The local farms' produce and businesses will suffer, taking away jobs that have been created buying and selling their produce to local businesses. RVR admitted that most visitors are expected to alight at Bodiam or Tenterden with any benefits being away from Robertsbridge.

Finally it seems criminal to serve CPOs forcing farmers to sell their land and livelihoods which have sustained families and communities for generations

Thank you for your time in this matter and I hope that the unnecessary plans will be halted before the destruction begins.

Mrs Adele Theresa Rogers.

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