

Angela Foster

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From: David Govett
Sent: 14 May 2018 19:36
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Re: Rother Valley Railway Level Crossing

Dear Ms Choudhary,

My postal address is:

Many thanks
David Govett

Sent from my iPhone

On 14 May 2018, at 18:37, TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT <TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Govett,

Thank you for your e-mail, In order to formally register your objection we require a postal address.

Many thanks
Shenaz Choudhary

Ms Shenaz Choudhary | Transport Works Act Order, Department for Transport
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From: david govett [
Sent: 14 May 2018 10:22
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT <TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: Rother Valley Railway Level Crossing

To the Secretary of State for Transport,

Dear Mr. Grayling,

I am sure you have received a mountain of emails and letters with regards to the Rother Valley Railway and are probably sick of the whole thing! I will attempt to keep this as short as possible. Two things stand out as ridiculous and unfair with this proposal. Firstly building a level crossing across the only road from London to Hastings, namely the A21. An enormous amount of money has been spent widening the A21 between Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells and this has led to increased traffic and increased tourism for Hastings, which badly needs it. If a level crossing was to be put across a single lane "A" road, just before a busy roundabout, then the resulting traffic jams would not only be horrendous but put people off coming down to the area. This would surely negate the 100's of millions of pounds spent on the aforementioned upgrade. This is a major road, which is

busy all day every day, but especially on Bank Holidays when the RVR intend to run peak services. This will create utter traffic chaos and deter thousands of people from coming to the area. Secondly, using a Compulsory Purchase Order to take land from landowners to please the folly of a couple of immensely wealthy individuals with a penchant for steam railways, smacks of something from the bygone ages. There is a huge amount of resentment at this action and the resulting press will be very negative towards you and the Government, something that would surely be best avoided at the moment.

I mention at this point that I am a staunch Conservative and want only the best for the country. However, this is not only a ridiculous idea but a horribly unfair one and one that will result in a loss of faith in your Government and perhaps a change of seat in Hastings from Tory to Labour as the local populace realise how difficult this is going to make things for them.

Please, turn this proposal down.

I thank you for your time,

Yours sincerely

David Govett

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