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Dear Mr Grayling

Ref: 'Rother Valley Railway (Bodium to Robertsbridge Junction Order'

I am writing to oppose the extension of the Rother Valley Railway Line.

The A21 main road from London to Hastings is a very busy and dangerous road at the best of times and to put a railway crossing in right next to a busy round about will cause very long tail-backs which will take a long time to disperse.

The A21 Robertsbridge by-pass was built because of the congestion in the village and this would all happen again, there is hardly any parking in the village now, I have to go to in Robertsbridge and find it difficult to park now.

To build a railway would mean embankments and that would cause more problems for the village because of the flood plain the whole valley sits on. You only have to look at the field around Bodium that retain the flood water for sometime and will happen more often in Robertsbridge.

We are all encouraged to support British Farmers who are struggling in today's market of competition, I am not surprised they do not want to sell their land to take any more of their lively hood away.

Yours faithfully

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