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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 between Bodium and Robertsbridge.

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.

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.

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 fields around Bodium that retain the flood water for sometime and this will happen more often in Robertsbridge.

We are being asked 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. Some farmers lost land when the A21 was build?

Yours faithfully

Mr R R Baker