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REF: Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order)

To Chris Grayling; MP

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed **hobby railway**.

1) I believe that acquiring land by way of compulsory purchase for **non- essential** infrastructure, is at the very least immoral. The **land is in use**, as part of a farm business that **supports rural employment**. I have followed this for some time and nothing I have read from RVR (Rother Valley Railway) has given me reason to believe this line would be of benefit to Robertsbridge, in fact quite the opposite.

2) I am concerned about the **environmental impact** of this new line. The disruption to habitat while the new line is put down is one thing but having noted the percentage of **diesel trains** compared to the rarely sighted steam trains (seem to only been seen at holiday periods); whilst traveling through Bodiam. I believe this would be **detrimental** to the beautiful, **wildlife** filled land.

3) I travel to Tunbridge wells for work and while I use the **A21 less**, I use the **B2244** three days per week. I believe **level crossings** on either of these roads would cause huge **disruption/ congestion** to my journeys. Both roads are already **dangerous**, the idea of putting crossing in, is in my mind madness. I would also note that there would surely be an **environmental impact** here too, with **car emissions** waiting a crossing

I hope that my concerns are noted and taken into account when making a decision

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lesley Ballard