

**From:** Elizabeth Blaydon  
**Sent:** 17 May 2018 13:13  
**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Subject:** Re: Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Apologies, it is:

Elizabeth Blaydon

> On 17 May 2018, at 12:54, TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT <TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk> wrote:

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> Dear Ms Blaydon,

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

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> Many thanks

> Shenaz Choudhary

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> Ms Shenaz Choudhary | Transport Works Act Order, Department for

> Transport

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Elizabeth Blaydon [mailto:

> Sent: 17 May 2018 12:52

> To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT <TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk>

> Subject: Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction)

> Order

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> To Whom It May Concern,

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> I would like to put forward my objections to the Rother Valley Railway extension (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction).

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> I see no compelling evidence for Compulsory Purchase powers to be used to acquire land for non essential infrastructure. Historically, surrounding land was Compulsory Purchased for an A21 extension which would have eased traffic on such a busy road. The land was never used and was re-sold. It seems contradictory to purchase similar land when it will no doubt increase congestion and slow traffic flow in the same area.

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> I see no real benefit to this venture. As a resident of East Sussex my children have enjoyed the current railway once. It is not a tourist attraction, is expensive and will not benefit the surrounding area.

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> Adding a further level crossings to an 'A' road is a mistake. I live in a nearby village where our closest station operates a level crossing. They can be dangerous, cause traffic build up and noise pollution. Adding one to an even busier 'A' road will without a doubt increase Road Traffic Accidents.

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> I would like to see flood risks fully assessed. The land in East Sussex is prone to flooding and drainage due to clay soil is poor.

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> The UK has today been taken to Europe's highest court over its air pollution levels. To add to these with non-compulsory transport is irresponsible.

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> Sincerely,

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> Elizabeth Blaydon

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