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Dear Sir,

Re. Proposed new railway through the Rother Valley from Robertsbridge.

I currently live in                      but grew up in                      and went to school in                      . I use the A21 regularly and have observed the increase in traffic and resulting queues into Hastings, particularly during rush hour, weekends and Bank Holidays.

The A21 has had major improvement work in the Tunbridge Wells area and is in desperate need at Flimwell and the Hastings approach. I would like to encourage visitors to Hastings.

- The new railway would cause queuing on three roads.
- The level crossings would not 'calm' traffic, they would hold people up unnecessarily, potentially causing frustration and anger.

To use Compulsory Purchase Orders to take precious wildlife habitat when land is in increasing demand - for affordable housing as an example, would seem unwise. Surely this power should be kept in reserve for need - rather than want?

I love hearing the sound of the steam trains whistling across the valley at Bodiam. But I am so saddened to think of the detrimental impact this new railway will have on the area I live and work in, just for old-times-sake.

So I ask you to listen to those people who object, and trust that you will use all your knowledge and experience, and that of your team, to consider what the realistic and overall benefits of this proposal would really be.

Many thanks for your time.

Yours faithfully,