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Dear Sirs

Proposed Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

I write on behalf of the Ramblers Association having been served with a copy of the application for the Order referred to above.

We have studied the proposals and met with the applicants on site and can confirm that we have no objection to the making of the order insofar as its impact upon Public Rights of Way and their users are concerned.

We recognise that there will be some disruption during construction and a degree of visual impact upon the landscape. Having been assured that the PROW's will be kept open during construction and satisfied that the changes to be made will be minimal we believe that once appropriate mitigation by way of landscaping has taken place that there will be no long term detrimental affect on user enjoyment.

We also believe that collaboration between the applicants and ourselves will enhance opportunities for walking and coupled with the economic benefits the proposal will bring to the local area, feel that overall it to be in the interest of our members that it should proceed.

We recognise that further Environmental Impact Assessment is required once an order is made and believe that this will provide additional opportunity for mitigation of any detrimental impacts from the project.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Bonnett