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**From:** GRIBBLE J  
**Sent:** 28 May 2018 17:38  
**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Subject:** Rather Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to add my support to this application.

I believe it will:

- 1) bring economic benefit to the local area with an increase in tourism;
- 2) allow access to the local attractions such as Bodiam Castle, Great Dixter, Tenterden Town and the K&ESR itself for those travelling by train from Hastings, London and further afield;
- 3) provide some employment opportunities in this rural area;
- 4) enhance opportunities for wildlife as they will have the lineside vegetation available as a habitat.

I do not believe the proposed level crossing of the A21 will have much impact on the traffic flow as it will only be used for very short periods and only a few times per day and these are not at rush hour periods. The Cholsey & Wallingford Railway has a level crossing over the Wallingford bypass that is used infrequently and this does not upset the traffic to any serious effect.

John Gribble

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