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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: RVR Bodiam to Robertsbridge junction

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Ref. RVR Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction TWA

Dear Mr Grayling,

I would like to give my support for the railway extension from Bodiam to Robertsbridge. It is my opinion that completing this final link of the preserved railway from Tenterden to Robertsbridge will be of enormous benefit to the local community and surrounding areas.

Over the years Robertsbridge like many other rural villages have faced decline in local business and facilities. I believe that the revenue from tourism generated by this railway will help struggling local businesses and encourage new ones to start.

I do not see the level crossing on the A21 or at Northbridge Street as a danger or inconvenience. This is proven by a pedestrian crossing positioned approximately the same distance of the proposed level crossing from the roundabout in the opposite direction. When the pedestrian crossing is in use, an almost unnoticeable amount of traffic congestion is created for a very short period of time.

Unlike the pedestrian crossing which can be used at any time of the day the level crossing can only be used at weekends and week days for a couple months of the year during the summer period at off peak times. This will avoid any inconvenience to daily commuters and commercial traffic.

Robertsbridge already has a main line station, so visitors from London and Hastings could visit the steam railway and the village with the greatest of ease.

To summarise, the people of Robertsbridge have been waiting a long time for the reinstatement of the former branch line to Tenterden and completion will only be a positive contribution to our village.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Knight