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I am writing in support of the Rother Valley Railway's application for a TWAO.

As well as the cultural, educational and other benefits resulting from the preservation of local heritage this extension of railway operation into Robertsbridge can be expected to bring economic benefits to the area – as I am sure the RVR have detailed. I do not now live locally but in past years I contributed very many days of voluntary work (and expense) towards the reopening of the nearby Kent and East Sussex Railway. This is now a successful tourist attraction, with a track record of benefitting the local economy, and re-instating the connection to Robertsbridge can only increase those benefits and extend them into a wider area.

I note that there have been some objections but the RVR's involvement of the National Trust, Environment Agency and Natural England should result in any potential problems not just being mitigated but converted into real benefits for the local area. I also note that this scheme is part of the Rother District Plan and that the use of Compulsory Purchase was recommended by the Planning Inspector but that RVR chose to negotiate their way around some of the objections rather than just rely on this statutory instrument – which is to their credit.

I sincerely hope that you will find in favour of the RVR application.

Richard Halton

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