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Secretary of State for Transport,
c/o Transport and Works Act Orders Unit,
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Department for Transport,
Zone 1/18, Great Minster House,
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Re: The Transport and Works Act 1992 - Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Sir,

I wish to support the application by the Rother Valley Railway Ltd. for a Transport and Works Act 1992 Order because:

The proposed line of railway will provide a genuine and much needed direct transport facility between the existing South Eastern Trains mainline railway station at Robertsbridge and several major tourist and visitor attractions, including Great Dixter, the picturesque market town of Tenterden and most importantly, the National Trust property of Bodiam Castle. The latter attraction attracts large numbers of visitors, but has poor road access and parking arrangements.. The proposal will facilitate rail travel to them from the London , Kent and Sussex coast areas. This alone has the potential to remove road traffic and to boost the economic health and employment opportunities of the area..

It should be added that the principal roads in this area run north to south, where as the proposed railway would run from west to east. This feature ensures that no bus service operates from Robertsbridge to any of these attractions.

I am confident that any work subsequently authorised on this project will be carried out to an equally high standard as the initial work that has already been completed on the project and having read the full details of the proposal I can see no justifiable reason why it should not be allowed to proceed.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Weller

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