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Sent: 26 May 2018 18:32
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Rother Valey Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

I should welcome the restoration of the line to Robertsbridge, and the consequent connection to the main railway system.

This would bring significant economic benefits to the area, with improved access to many attractions, as well as employment opportunities, with no cost to the public.

The Kent & East Sussex Railway is in no way a "Hobby Railway", having an income of the order of £2 million, reserves of £1 million, over 2000 members, and approximately 500 working volunteers.

It is also an Educational Charity, working with schools in particular, and making charitable donations.

I discount:

the impact on the A21.

I live a few hundred meters from the present level crossing on the A28 in Northiam and use the road daily.

The road carries a similar level of traffic to the A21, and I rarely experience more than a minutes delay:

less than those which arise, for example, from the frequent road works in the area.

I travel regularly on the railway, and apart from enjoying the scenery, note the quantities of wildlife which are found close to the line.

I understand you will have an assessment of the implications for the environment, which along with the support from our Local Authorities, and the assessment of road traffic implications in no way support the claims being made by opponents of the scheme.

I urge a granting of the Transport and Works Act Order.

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Malcolm Jones