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Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Sir,

I wish to add my SUPPORT for this application and enclose the attached letter.

Regards,

William Shelford

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Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robersbridge Junction) Order

Dear Sir,

I wish to add by SUPPORT to this application:-

- I have been a supporter of the Kent & East Sussex Railway for all my life and I (and my late father) considered the refusal in the 1970's to allow this section of the line to be reopened to have been a mistake.
- The applicants have considered, investigated and ensured that the application will have no adverse effect on the risk of flooding, traffic congestion or local wildlife.
- The re-opening of the railway back to the main-line at Robertsbridge will allow the railway, Bodiam Castle, Tenterden etc. to be visited without a car. As I get older I am already finding the drive to and from this railway, which involves driving half-way round the M25 tiring, and I look forward to being able to do this by train instead, a journey which at times is just as quick and far more relaxing.
- The extensions of the Bluebell Railway to East Grinstead, the Mid Hants Railway to Alton and Isle-of-Wight Steam Railway to Smallbrook Junction, reconnected these railways to the national railway system, without any adverse side effects on the local area. East Grinstead has benefited from more visitors to its town centre and I am sure Robertsbridge will do also. Visitors coming by car will know that like East Grinstead and Alton, car parking at Robertsbridge is limited and not free and park at other stations (Tenterden or Northiam) where it is.
- The local District Plan has for quite a number years stated that this missing link should be reopened, so the fact that it can be done, at no cost to the public purse should be applauded and encouraged.

Yours faithfully

W. A. Shelford

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