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Your Ref: TWA/18/APP/O2/OBJ/783

Dear Shenaz Choudhary,

**Transport and Works Act 1992 (TWA) – Application for the Proposed Rother Valley  
(Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order**

Thank you for your letter of 28<sup>th</sup> June, and I am most grateful to you for the information you provided regarding the above, in particular the decision to hold a public local inquiry.

However, whilst your letter states that I *objected* to this application in a letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, on the contrary, in an email of that date I actually *supported* the application. A copy of my email is enclosed, which also clearly sets out my reasons for supporting the application, and I hope this will be made available to the inquiry.

For your information, it is not presently my intention to attend the public local inquiry, or give evidence to it.

Stephen Lewis

**From:**

**Sent date:** 31/05/2018 - 15:42

**To:** transportandworksact@dft.gsi.gov.uk

**Subject:** Rother Valley Railway Extension Bodiam to Robertsbrisse, East Sussex

Dear Sirs,

I wish to register my support for the above application because of the benefits the extension will bring to the whole area. The National Trust owned Bodiam Castle is a popular visitor attraction, but Bodiam is notoriously difficult to reach by road.

Therefore, for visitors from London to be able to travel to Bodiam by train, and then perhaps travel on to Tenterden, would make it possible for them to have a good day out by train all the way, and leave the car at home. Furthermore, the line ran through the two farms whose owners are objecting to the building of the link for many years when the line was open for passenger and goods traffic, so it is actually a question of reinstating what was there before the line closed in the mid 20th Century. Whilst I sympathise with the farmers concerned, their predecessors obviously managed and accommodated (and probably used, too) the railway until it was closed.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Lewis