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Dear sirs,

Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

I am writing on behalf of the Kent & East Sussex Railway in support of the TWA application by the Rother Valley Railway.

The Rother Valley Railway propose to re-build the railway line between Junction Road and Robertsbridge to allow the Kent & East Sussex Railway to run trains from Tenterden to Robertsbridge.

As stated in their application there are significant economic benefits through increased tourism, employment and volunteer activity in the area. The rail link will also improve access to Tenterden, Bodiam castle and other tourist attractions in an environmentally friendly way.

To take advantage of this expansion of our business we will need to recruit more staff, both paid employment and volunteers, and make capital investment in our business. This will in turn help local businesses who supply us with goods and services.

The Kent & East Sussex Railway therefore supports the application and believes the Railway will be a valuable addition to the transport infrastructure in the area.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman