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**Sent:** 11 May 2018 08:56  
**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Subject:** Support for the Reinstatement of the railway line from Robertsbridge to Bodiam

Dear Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport,

1. I am Mathew Best, a self employed IT Engineer in [redacted] and I would like to express my support for the reinstatement of the railway line from Robertsbridge to Bodiam.

There is a clear tangible benefit to this connection for these reasons:

- \* There is a traffic and car parking problem at Bodiam castle. I have had to wait half an hour in a hot car with a six year old trying to get a car parking space by the castle.
- \* The backed up traffic in Bodiam is a danger to the visiting kids and tourists.
- \* Robertsbridge will clearly benefit from an increased economic activity due to visitors from London and the south who can now travel by train to Bodiam Castle. As well as the increased employment due to staffing a station.
- \* The well thought out plans for the crossing of the A21 will clearly not make a meaningful difference to the typical or this road. As a regular users of this road, I have no concerns about this.
- \* The track route is clearly visible from the satellite views, and it would seem a terrible waste to not use it.
- \* The reduction in emissions by allowing visitors to use mass transport to visit one of our countries best castles can only be a benefit.

2. I am glad the the planning system has worked well, and created a well documented and thought out extension to our railway network.

3. This is a big opportunity to show that the UK is improving its infrastructure, making the country more mobile and ready for business.

4. As Secretary of State for Transport, please use your influence to keep this project moving forwards.

Yours sincerely,

Mathew Best

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