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From: Peter Bolwell
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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Re : Rother Valley Railway application, A21 level crossing

Dear Sirs

I am writing in connection with the application by Rother Valley Railway to extend the rail link for the Kent & East Sussex steam railway from its current terminus at Bodiam westwards to Robertsbridge which would involve crossing the A21 road and necessitate a new level crossing there.

I am a resident of which is at the southern end of the A21. I have read of various people - many of them not residents of Hastings - complaining about this proposal. Myself, I warmly welcome it.

For too long the demands of road transport seem to have trumped every other consideration, whether it be alternative and more environmentally friendly means of transport, or concerns about clean air and public health.

The light railway from Tenterden is a delightful local attraction and extending it to Robertsbridge would enable it to link up with the mainline service that runs between Hastings and Charing Cross, thus enabling many more people to access it without the necessity of having to drive by road to one of the stations, as is presently the case. Thus would be a huge advantage and a wonderful opportunity for everyone living up and down that route to enjoy this lovely facility.

Some people are talking as though a level crossing would be some new kind of fearful and monstrous obstacle, as though they had never encountered a level crossing before. In fact however we live with level crossings all over the place and we seem to get along with them just fine!

Many thanks for your attention
Yours faithfully

Peter F. Bolwell

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