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**Transport & Works Act 1992      RVR (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order**

Dear Sir,

I support the application by Rother Valley Railway Ltd for a TWA Order on the proposal to extend the track from Robertsbridge to Bodiam as both a                      resident with children and grandchildren but also with business interests in this area.

All children I know from all walks of life love Bodiam Castle plus now with the boat trips and canoes to hire there it is even better. To be able to take the children on a steam train is icing on the cake and it will become a major attraction to both residents and tourists alike.

The argument against it does not mention any lack of compensation for the already wealthy farmers but rather concentrates on a new level crossing within the existing slowed area of the A21 approaching/from the roundabout adjacent to which is already a pedestrian crossing used hundreds of times more a day than the crossing will operate yet causing no problems.

The argument that speed hungry motorcyclists who race down the A21 once a year are against it without merit on one of the more speed-dangerous roads in the area.

The proposal will obviously benefit both the working class residents and reinvigorate the businesses of Robertsbridge so the only valid question must be that of reasonable compensation to the landowner(s) which I feel should not be difficult to assess.

Yours sincerely

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