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Sent: 29 May 2018 10:18
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

29th May, 2018.

The Secretary of State for Transport,
c/o Transport and Works Act Orders Unit,
General Counsel's Office,
Department for Transport,
Zone 1/18, Great Minister House,
33, Horseferry Road,
LONDON SW1P 4DR

Dear Sir,

I wish to support the application for a T.W.A.O. which was submitted by Rother Valley Railway, Ltd. on the 19th. April, 2018 and I base this decision on the following considerations:-

- (i) the completion of the successive stages of the project to date reflect an admirable level of commitment;
- (ii) the advantages so clearly and compellingly set out in the submission;
- (iii) the response to possible concerns which are enumerated in the submission demonstrates a commendable degree of care and professionalism;
- (iv) the foresight shown in the conceiving and initiating the project is commensurate with that of the railway pioneers who established the rail network across our country all those years ago;
- (v) that railways of this kind do have an educational perspective.

In conclusion, I would say that the re-establishment of this historical railway would be in the best tradition of preserving a part of our heritage for future generations, as well as for people of today, to experience and enjoy.

I do hope that the T.W.A.O. will be authorised.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Davis.

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From: Chris Davis <
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Department for Transport,
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Great Minster House,
33 Horseferry Road,
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24th May 2018.

Dear Sir,

As a member and active volunteer with the Kent & East Sussex Railway, I am writing to express my support for the Rother Valley Railway's Transport and Works Act Order Application.

A considerable amount of work has gone into this scheme, with the reconstructed sections of railway between Robertsbridge Station and Northbridge Street, and Bodiam Station and Junction Road clearly illustrating the high standards and professional approach taken by the RVR. This approach is also reflected by the independent consultants' reports which were commissioned to address the economic impact, environmental impact, and the three proposed level crossings, including that across the main A21 trunk road.

As would be expected with a project of this nature, there are fears and concerns which have been raised by those who oppose the scheme, but I would hope that these can be met and resolved satisfactorily, and in the case of the remaining two landowners, without resort to compulsory purchase orders.

From personal experience, I have seen the way Tenterden has thrived with the presence of the K&ESR, especially in terms of economic benefits for local business, and I am confident that the restoration of the "missing link" will benefit the whole area by opening up the Rother Valley and beyond to visitors from London and the South Coast through a viable alternative to the car.

In conclusion, I trust you will consider this application favourably.

Yours faithfully

Christopher Davis
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