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Dear Secretary of State,

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I support the grant of a Transport and Works Act Order as proposed by the Rother Valley Railway on 19th April 2018.

The economic benefits of similar heritage railways are well documented and support local and national economies. The reinstatement will enable the large Kent town of Tenterden to be again connected to the national railway network and its 14 miles' length used by many otherwise travelling by road.

In my experience no farmers or landowners have gone out of business or suffered financial loss along the currently operating Kent & East Sussex Railway. Nor have accommodation or level crossings been an inconvenience, including several A class routes. The popular National Trust property at Bodiam Castle will once again have a connection to the national network.

Our aging population will have another means of travel and I am grateful to the philanthropists financing this welcome project.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary of State for Transport
Transport and Works Act Orders Unit.

