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**From:** Bernard Bone  
**Sent:** 30 May 2018 10:59  
**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Subject:** Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

To the Secretary of State for Transport.

Dear Sir

I refer to the captioned Transport and Works Act Order, submitted by Rother Valley Railway (RVR) on 19 April 2018. I would like to make a representation in support of the proposal by RVR.

The proposed railway reinstates a line that was closed in the early 1960s, and once built will form part of a heritage railway running from Robertsbridge Junction to Tenterden, via Bodiam, Northiam and Rolvenden, connecting those towns and villages to the main Hastings line at Robertsbridge for the first time in more than 50 years.

The restored link from Bodiam to Robertsbridge is expected to have a number of significant benefits:

- a boost to the economy of the local area of up to £4m per annum
- improved employment opportunities, with the creation of more full time, part time and volunteer positions
- creation of a wildlife corridor along the path of the new railway link, especially where the original embankment has been removed.

I would hope that the TWA order will receive the support that, in my view, it deserves

Yours faithfully  
Bernard M Bone

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