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**From:** Andy Worsfold  
**Sent:** 30 May 2018 10:36  
**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Subject:** KENT AND EAST SUSSEX RAILWAY

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to SUPPORT the rail connection from Robertsbridge to Bodiam for the following reasons.

- 1) They propose to re-instate a closed line, not build a new one.
- 2) re-use of the trackbed will mean that collateral effects of construction work will be minimised
- 3) The original line was closed in the 1960's so there will be NO "ancient" woodland, buildings etc. that would be affected.
- 4) The historic link between Tenterden and the main line at Robertsbridge would be reinstated.
- 5) The railway link from the main line at Robertsbridge to both Bodiam, famous for its castle, and Tenterden, the headquarters of the KESR, will permit visitors to go by train rather than by car. This being environmentally preferable.
- 6) The link will also boost tourism in the area which will help the local economy.
- 7) It's only a couple of miles!

If you have not been to the Kent and East Sussex Railway you should go. It is more than just another heritage railway; they have preserved the last standard gauge part of the railway "empire" built by Colonel Stevens. This shoestring empire was a series of unconnected minor railways all over the country, built to minimum cost, and the KESR gives one a real feel for what these minor lines were like in their heyday."

Yours faithfully

Andy Worsfold

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