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From: Douglas Andrews
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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Rother Vally Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction)

Douglas Andrews

Dear Chris Grayling MP

I am writing to support the compulsory purchase of the existing track bed between Robertsbridge Junction and Bodiam.

It is an unfortunate situation that the owners of the land in question cannot see the wider picture and unfortunately cannot be persuaded to sell the trackbed back to the railway at a fair and reasonable price. In fact the financial benefits that they could gain themselves from leasing the land to the railway would pay far better than any farming that can take place on this ground and would in effect be a pension that would keep paying out way into the future. I see that they have the golden opportunity to demand a station stop, in with the deal, at Sailhurst with tea rooms and farm shop attached, which most diversifying family farms would give there eye teeth for.

The reinstatement of this railway connecting with the main line will undoubtedly bring prosperity to all the locations it passes through and the wider area as a whole.

I see no reason why the proposed level crossing on the A21 at Robertsbridge would course any more of a traffic hold up than the traffic lights at Flimwell do at present.

Yours sincerely

Douglas Andrews

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