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From: Tom Lovell
Sent: 29 May 2018 16:33
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Sir,

I write to show my SUPPORT for the above mentioned order.

An increase in tourism by rail, providing Bodiam and Tenterden with a link to the national network can only be of benefit to the local economy.

Also trade within Robertsbridge will undoubtedly benefit from the increase in visitors, thereby creating jobs.

The ability of heritage railways to boost the economies of towns they run through has been proven countless times, as has the desire of visitors to arrive by train. The Bluebell Railway's extension to East Grinstead is a case in point here, but there are many others.

Whilst the A21 is a busy and congested road, the proposal for a level crossing with limited use has already been approved by the local authority.

It would be difficult to see how this in itself would increase congestion more than the pedestrian crossing a few hundred yards away.

There is a clear feeling among the community at large that the landowners simply wish to hold out for a better price further in the future. At least one has sold land for development in the past, which makes a mockery of the environmental arguments they have put forward.

Regards,

Tom Lovell

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