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Ref. TWA/18/APP/02/0BJ/99
Rother Valley Railway Junction Order.

Statement of Case.

I moved from London to Hastings 50 years ago, and because I have family and friends still in London area, regularly travel in both directions using the ONLY Road available, namely the A.21

This Road has had many improvements, thank goodness, over the years. Tonbridge and Sevenoakes By Pass, Pembury By Pass, Lamberhurst and Robertsbridge, and recently the Main Pembury By Pass.

The A.21 has always been called 'The Snail Trail', and rightly so, even though we have had these improvements. I believe that a further improvement is planned in the Kipling area.

Instead of Hastings being 'Cut Off' from The World, we are just beginning to encourage visitors and business to our Area.

It would be a Massive Retrograde step to now consider an Obstacle on the A.21 in the form of a Train Level crossing at Robertsbridge. What was the point of building a Robertsbridge By Pass, just to bring in another reason for delay.

You only have to use this road to see the Delays and pile up of traffic, especially at weekends, to understand the folly of the Application.

The A.21 should not be turned again into an Obstacle Race, for the benefit of a Few Dedicated Train enthusiasts.

This Application should be rejected for the sake of Saving Hastings. We only have three sides to our town, as the other is the Sea. Do not make it worse for us please.

I suggest that the Applicants build a bridge or a tunnel instead, and leave the A.21 alone.

Regards,

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