## **Caroline O'Neill**

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From:

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Sent:

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**TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT** 

Subject:

Rother Valley Railway - Bodiam to Robertsbridge order

Roger Dipper

## Dear Sir

I am writing to object wholeheartedly to the proposed railway from Bodiam to Robertsbridge. There are many, many reasons for my objection.

- 1. Three level crossings, two across very dangerous and fast roads, will delay traffic, cause congestion and pollution, make cars speed once the train has passed and these go against the Government's to reduce the number of level crossings because of their danger.
- 2. Parking and congestion problems in Robertsbridge
- 3. Building a train line across a flood plain
- 4. I am a keen fisherman who enjoys the peace and wildlife along the river next to the proposed steam line. It would be a tragedy for this beautiful habitat to be destroyed and for polluting steam and diesel trains to be allowed to run along this unspoilt countryside.
- 5. A further level crossing across a bridlepath where my children ride this would make the bridleway unusable for fear of a steam train frightening their ponies
- 6. CPOs to be used by a private company for a tourist attraction/hobby railway.
- 7. The vast number of villagers do NOT want the railway, there is little or no economic gain for the village. Only one small hotel and pub may gain, the visitors will merely park and get the train to Bodiam and Tenterden. Robertsbridge will only act as a parking place for tourists.

Yours Roger Dipper

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