

Caroline O'Neill

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From: Philippa Read
Sent: 01 June 2018 10:37
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Re: Objection to proposed Rother Valley Railway at Robertsbridge, East Sussex

Dear Miss O'Neill,

Thank you for responding to my email.

My address is:

Please let me know if there's anything further you require in relation to this objection.

Kind regards,
Philippa Read (Mrs)

On Fri, 1 Jun 2018, 09:55 TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT,
<TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your e-mail. Is it possible that you could provide a full postal address so that you can be formally registered as an objector to this application.

Kind regards

Caroline

**Caroline O'Neill | Miss, Transport and Works Act Orders Unit, Department for Transport
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From: Philippa Read [mailto:TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk]
Sent: 31 May 2018 17:56
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT <TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to proposed Rother Valley Railway at Robertsbridge, East Sussex

To whom it may concern,

Re: Objection to proposed Rother Valley Railway extension at Robertsbridge, East Sussex

I object to permission being granted for this project for these reasons:

- * There is no projected economic benefit to the local area - Robertsbridge. The likelihood is that historic Robertsbridge village would be severely negatively impacted due to many extra vehicles and no allowance for the impact of those vehicles on roads and parking facilities.
- * The regular closure of the A21 (proposed level crossing) will also have a negative impact on the towns and villages South of that point, served by the A21; areas which are already compromised in terms of infrastructure, socially and economically. Businesses and services will be put off travelling the A21 if there is constant disruption to the road in the form of a level crossing. It already takes 60 minutes (without any disruption) to travel the 40 miles from Hastings to M25; there are no alternatives. Further disruption to the road will cause further disadvantage to an already deprived area.
- * The Robertsbridge bypass is already incredibly dangerous due to a relatively straight stretch of road and vehicles overtaking at high speeds. The introduction of a level crossing into this mix would be foolhardy and guarantee a rise in serious incidents; it would also be directly contrary to the Government's and Highways Agency's policies to remove as many level crossings as possible, due to the dangers they pose.
- * The environmental impact would also be detrimental to the species of flora and fauna which are established in the area; additional pollution would also be caused by the trains, and by the thousands of vehicles per day held up by a level crossing.

In short, the A21 is an extremely busy arterial road to an already deprived area of the South coast. Thousands of people rely on it every day to go about their work and personal duties. These people would be negatively impacted by disruption and tailbacks should a level crossing be installed.

I therefore respectfully request that a public inquiry is held regarding these proposals.

Yours sincerely,

Philippa Read

Resident in Hastings

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