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Subject: ROTHER VALLEY RAILWAY (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Sir / Madam,

My wife and I have lived in Robertsbridge with our two children for just over 8 years and we live in the heart of the village. Having listened to the debate concerning this matter for a considerable period of time we are pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the CPO.

While we are concerned about the impact of additional traffic in the village we recognise that East Sussex and Robertsbridge need to develop the tourist sector in order to bring in much needed revenue and employment opportunities for people in the area. We do not consider that the A21 crossing as proposed will have a significant impact on traffic in light of the limited frequency of trains proposed and the avoidance of crossings at rush hour.

While we find it disappointing that the farmers and RVR have been unable to reach agreement to sell the land voluntarily it is our understanding that the RVR has made generous offers which have been rebuffed. We have seen no cost benefit analysis from either farm that shows what the impact would be on them as businesses if the CPO proceeds. We do feel strongly however, that the farmers should be treated fairly in terms of the provision of access across their land when the railway is installed. It is currently our understanding (based on a visit to Moat Farm) that the RVR does not, for example, propose to maintain the current number of access points across the existing embankment when the line is restored, supposedly for health and safety reasons. This seems wrong in principle, particularly since the farmers will know the timetables, and have mobile phones to check if a train is due when they wish to cross the embankment. We have not visited the Hoad farm but understand that similar issues may arise there also.

In summary, we support the CPO and A21 crossing, subject to our reservations about appropriate access being provided for the farmers to access their land when the line is built.

Yours faithfully,

Sean O'Hara & Amanda McIntyre

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