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For the attention of the Rt. Hon. Chris Grayling MP,
Secretary of State for Transport

Dear Sir,

I write to object to the proposed compulsory purchase of land in order to extend the Rother Valley Railway. This seems extraordinary when it is a private enterprise and the railway is someone's hobby.

I always believe compulsory purchase was introduced when the result benefits the general public and society, not private people with surplus cash to invest in their own interest.

The A21 is an extraordinarily slow road for a Trunk Road and further hold ups, particularly in summer, will prove problematic. Hastings already suffers from its inaccessibility and another level crossing will only worsen the situation.

Perhaps if there is surplus money this could be spent on improvements to the A21 or at least to reinstate the dual carriageway at Flimwell.

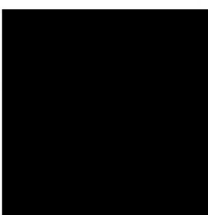
I would quite understand if the railway extension was necessary but I can only see a detrimental effect on Robertsbridge Village with noise and congestion. There is nothing particular to see or visit in Robertsbridge except the excellent Ostrich Inn.

For traditional railway enthusiasts there is already the track from Tenterden to Bodiam to enjoy, why do they need a few more miles?

I beseech you, please do not grant permission for this folly to go ahead.

Your truly,

Diana Grissell



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