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Subject:

OBJECTION to Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Mr Grayling

I wish to **object** to the "Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order for the following reasons.

Having worked in the area I know there is a real flood risk and this would only be made worse by the proposed embankment.

The crossing is supposed to be located very near to the current roundabout and the gates closing will have a detrimental affect not only on through traffic but local traffic trying to get between Robertsbridge and Salehurst.

Much work has recently been undertaken to speed up travel along the A21 near Tunbridge Wells, this good work will be undone by the repeated stopping of traffic as crossing gates close.

Idling cars and lorries at the crossing gates will add to air pollution and affect the villages quality of life.

The proposed route goes through an AONB, with Moat Farm being particularly valuable as it has not been intensively farmed for many many years. It will also cut up fields into small uneconomically viable units. Does the railway company propose compensating the farmers for this loss of earnings?

Yours sincerely lan Roberts

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