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Mrs J Hughes
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I am writing to object to the plans to reinstate a defunct railway by Rother Valley Railway in Salehurst, Robertsbridge.

There are so many reasons why this should not be approved. This is private land and the current land owners do not wish to sell it and there is no reasonable case for applying a CPO for this land in this situation. More absurd is that the railway would require 3 new level crossings to be built of which one would be on the A21, an already highly congested and accident prone road but a vital lifeline to this area. There will also be a huge impact on the environment and an increased threat of flooding to many homes and businesses of which many did not survive the last floods.

In my view, the case against this railway far outweighs any potential economic benefits through tourism. If the CPO is carried out and the railway goes ahead, it will set an extraordinary precedent which could be (mis)used across the country and leave our countryside significantly more vulnerable as a result. Who will take responsibility for any deaths on the new level crossings or the cost of delays due to the added congestion on the roads or to homes and businesses that are flooded as a result of this decision?

There should be a public enquiry and the decision process should be thorough and carefully considered as the negative impact of this railway could potentially be huge for this area.

Best wishes,

Joanna Hughes

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