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**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Subject:** RVR

Dear Secretary of State for Transport,

I object to the proposed reinstatement of the steam railway between Robertsbridge and Bodiam for the following reasons:

- 1: Crossing of the A21 causing a huge back log of traffic during the summer season especially as it is an already congested route.
- 2: Millions have been spent on curing this problem further up the A21 at Tonbridge only to slow it down again on the Robertsbridge bypass.
- 3: The possibility of jobs being created by this is minimal as there is nothing to come to Robertsbridge for with only two local shops and Boots which I'm sure are of no attraction to a visitor. The only business that might attract extra business is the pub , The Ostrich, which might occasionally require more staff.
- 4: The excess traffic through the village as not everybody will be accessing the train via the mainline from London. ( Our Neighbourhood Plan is already expecting another 155 homes to be built in the near future adding to the chaos)
- 5: Emergency services will be slowed down, perhaps with fatal conclusions.
- 6: Closed footpaths which the community regularly use.
- 7: We are also as car users expected to be now thinking of getting rid of diesel cars, so why should we even consider trains that are to be run on either coal or diesel?
- 8: The landowners should not be forced into a compulsory sale of their land due to a whim of a fanatic of steam rail. Also an area of exceptional area of natural beauty
- 9: If the benefactor has so much cash should they be thinking of investing in improving the lives of people who live up and down the London to Hastings line? The RVR will not help an already deprived area.

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Yours sincerely  
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