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From: Neill Truett [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 May 2018 17:02
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Mr Grayling,

I am writing to object to the proposed extension of the Rother Valley Railway, my objections are as follows:

- The destruction of habitats on Moat Farm and the surrounding areas and the threat to endangered species, including: Badgers, Bats, Dormice, Great crested newts and Owls. This is an area of outstanding natural beauty and will be blighted by this possible development.
- The proposed introduction of 3 level crossings, one of which will be on the A21; this is already a very slow and dangerous road which should be improved and widened, not made worse. The detrimental effect this will have on commuters, road users, businesses and the regeneration plans in the area cannot be underestimated.
- There is no tangible economic benefit to the surrounding area and the RVR have already admitted that Robertsbridge would not benefit from this project.
- This is not a reinstatement of a line, as claimed by RVR, as the track bed no longer exists.
- The Other Valley Railway is a NON-ESSENTIAL tourist attraction, not vital rail link.

I look forward to hearing further details on this matter and how this might move forward.

Kind regards

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