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Attachments: CLA Rother Railway Objection Letter.pdf

Dear Sir / Madam

Please find attach a letter in regard to the current Transport and Works Act Order for the Rother Valley Railway. This letter seeks to note the CLA's (Country Land and Business Association) objection to the Order which is due by today.

I trust this is in order but please do let me know if I can provide any further information or the attached as a hard copy.

With Kind Regards

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Reference – The Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order: Transport and Works Act Order

The CLA (Country Land & Business Association) represents landowners, farmers and rural businesses throughout England and Wales. Our members affected by the proposal have contacted us with concerns about the above Order and its impact on their particular businesses.

Having considered it, we hereby object to the proposal by the Rother Valley Railway for the Transport and Works Act Order. It is our belief the proposal will be to the detriment of our members and will not benefit the wider region. There will be no benefit to the country's infrastructure and the proposal will infringe on the running of existing profitable rural businesses.

The CLA do not commonly object to compulsory purchase schemes as, whilst they dramatically affect some rural businesses, the importance to the local and national community generally outweighs the needs of the few. A prime example of this can be seen on the current project to dual the A21. Whilst compulsory powers have been used in this project, it is accepted that the dualling will increase profitability and productivity in the area.

The proposed Order, however, seems to be contrary to this purpose, it is to use a statutory order to benefit private individuals/companies rather than for a wider benefit. In this instance, we do not see such benefit arising and therefore do not feel that compulsory powers within the Transport and Works Act Order is proportionate or justifiable for this scheme.

We have not come to this decision lightly but feel that the case for compulsory powers to be used in this scenario are unjustified. To reaffirm our position, we therefore object to the Order.

Yours faithfully

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