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I am writing on behalf of myself - Sarah Apps and my husband - Keith Apps



I imagine the majority of my objection points replicates many others but i would like to put forward my own personal reasons.

- I understand this railway was actually there a long, long while ago and is being built again/reinstated? I feel it is a huge risk to start this again with all the disruption it will bring simply for an experiment in the hope it will increase tourism for a neighbouring county.
 - I have been a nanny and travelled along both the a21 and also junction road travelling from home to work and i think a crossing on either of these roads would be a disaster, especially the positioning of the Junction road crossing. They are fast flowing and i think the crossing will encourage drivers to be even more irresponsible and inclined to take risks to avoid or 'beat' the crossings.
 - I recall the floods years ago and have family in the village who were affected greatly by this. I cannot fathom how this is not considered the primary reason why this railway should not go ahead? A bank along this route will just act as an aid for floods to develop surely? Animals, residents lives and homes and farmland will be destroyed if this happens.
 - The crossing through the village will cause temptation and dangers to youths
 - Robertsbridge will become a parking lot for visitors to the station and a lovely small village will be ruined by outside parties, none of whom i believe will visit the village in itself.
 - I would also add, i feel this land being obtained by a cpo is absolutely appalling and i have a hard time explaining the reasons of this to our 14 year old boy. The general opinion of our son is that "people and companies have been bought off to be in agreement and the farmers cant afford to fight for it. With enough money you can take anything and everything from people whether it is right or wrong. Thats not BULLYING, its politics apparantly! They just tell people what they want to hear and pay everyone off."
- I am assuming this is the message you are happy for the next generation to be moving forward with?

Yours
Sarah Apps

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