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**Sent:** 31 May 2018 15:28  
**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Subject:** Rather Valley Railway Proposed extension to rail line and level crossing on the A21

Dear Sirs,

I only found out about this proposal this morning by chance as I was listening to the local BBC radio station.

Yesterday (30th. May) I travelled from Catsfield (TN33 9BB) to Tenterden via the A2100, A21 and thence to Bodiam and on to Tenterden.

The first level crossing was on the A2100. My wait time here was over 2 minutes at the closed barrier.

At Bodiam I had a similar wait. The level crossing is manually operated which increases the wait time.

At Tenterden (Rolvenden Station) my wait was just under 3 minutes. Again a manually operated gate!

On my return journey I just missed being delayed at Rolvenden but at the Northiam Station there was a long traffic queue and my wait was 4 minutes.

Other than the A2100 crossing the others were at level crossings for the Kent and East Sussex Railway.

The traffic on the A21 is far greater than on the roads and crossings I have mentioned and the few second delay that the Rother Valley people suggest is totally unbelievable. The A27 suffered for many years with a level crossing at Beddingham which caused massive tailbacks until a bridge was built.

How can another level crossing be allowed on a road that is busier than the A27?

Please can we have a reality check on this project?

As a council tax payer I reject the proposal completely! I support a public enquiry into the matter

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