

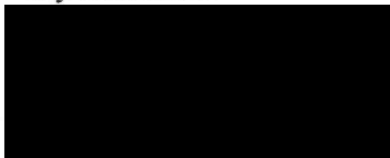
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From: Will Everett [redacted]
Sent: 01 June 2018 08:35
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Re: Objection to Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Of course.

My address is:



Many thanks,
Will

On Fri, 1 Jun 2018, 08:12 TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT,
<TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your e-mail. Is it possible that you could provide a full postal address please so that we can formally register you as an objector to this application.

Yours faithfully

Caroline O'Neill

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Subject: Objection to Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Good evening,

I would like to object in the strongest terms to the Rother Valley Railways proposed link between Bodiam and Robertsbridge.

This railways would have serious implications to the area is purports to help.

Any economic benefit to the area is a complete fallacy. Having lived in the wider areas for over 30 years, having an enjoyable (but ultimately a folly) hobby railway brings no real economic benefit to the area, and any new route would bring no incremental impact above what is already achieved. The real impact would be to make it harder for long standing local farming families to make a living, and to disrupt the A21 making it harder for local businesses to operate.

The A21 crossing is madness. This road, long in need of constant improvement all the way to Hastings and as the major road in the area it is vital for the economy of the wider areas and South East. To disrupt all of the people and businesses that rely on this road for this project supporting one small business should not even be considered. A view agreed with by at least two of the MPs who's constituencies would be deeply affected - Amber Rudd MP and Greg Clark MP (In copy as I'm currently his constituent)

The natural environment in this is area is incredibly special, particularly in the area that the railway is planned to cross. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty for a reason with mature woodlands and important flood plains along with a multitude of flora and fauna. Indeed my understanding is that Sussex wildlife Trust has raised concerns already. The farmers who manage this land are longstanding local families who have through generations created the landscape as they are and care for it, to disrupt their businesses would have a knock on impact further than just the building of the railway which would be catastrophic in itself for this area of outstanding natural beauty.

Finally there is no compelling case for the use of compulsory purchase orders. The use of compulsory purchase orders should be reserved for projects of national importance that are either absolutely necessary or that bring far wider social and economic benefits that benefit whole regions or the nation as a whole. This project is hardly that.

Kind regards,

Will Everett

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