



Mr Graham Williams

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Secretary of State for Transport
C/o Transport and Works Act Orders Unit,
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Department for Transport,
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**The Transport and Works Act 1992
Proposed Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order**

Dear Sir,

I am all for reinstating the railway from Robertsbridge to Bodiam and to join up with the rest of the Kent & East Sussex Railway to Tenterden. Planning permission by the Rother District Council Planning Committee was approved on the 16th March 2017 for the missing link from Northbridge Street (Robertsbridge) to Junction Road on B2244. Access will then be possible by rail to get Bodiam Castle, Great Dixter and Tenterden. This will help to take cars off the roads in the area.

The Bluebell Railway in West Sussex has had a 30% increase in visitor numbers since the opening of the line to East Grinstead. With no parking provided at their new station at East Grinstead.

"Highways England" is happy with the full barrier type crossings for A21, Northbridge Street and the B2244, and these will be locally monitored by a signal box near the A21. Trains will not cross from 0700 to 0900hrs and 1700 to 1900hrs and only about 10 times in a day.

Railway land offers huge benefits to wildlife and animals because these are areas where people do not go.

Also the Kent & East Sussex Railway was the first railway to be built under the old Light Railways Act 1896.

That is why I hope that you will approve this order.

Yours sincerely

Mr Graham Williams