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From: john elston
Sent: 30 May 2018 19:03
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: The Transport and Works Act 1992. Proposed Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Sir,

Having lived in Robertsbridge for 43 years I write to express my full support for the Rother Valley Railway application for a TWAO. I believe that the extension of the line from Bodiam to Robertsbridge will be a major tourist attraction bringing considerable economic benefit to the surrounding area.

It is hard to take seriously the campaign against the railway extension which focuses primarily on the level crossing of the A21. To suggest, as Hastings MP Amber Rudd does, that the crossing of the road by around ten trains a day outside of peak road travel time will "limit our opportunity to achieve economic growth" is totally absurd. Further suggestions that a 60 to 120 second delay will cause tailbacks of up to 2.9km at weekends is equally so.

I also believe that the description by the anti-campaigners of those who have worked so hard to make the reopening of the line possible as "steam fanatics" and as "playing trains" is quite insulting.

The RVR has responded positively and adequately to all genuine concerns raised by Rother District Council and deserve the chance to provide what will be received by the majority of local people as a great enhancement to the local area.

Yours faithfully

John Elston

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