

TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992 The Transport and Works (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2004

THE PROPOSED ROTHER VALLEY RAILWAY (BODIAM TO ROBERTSBRIDGE JUNCTION) ORDER

PROOF OF EVIDENCE

Of

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ON BEHALF OF ROTHER VALLEY RAILWAY Ltd

FLOOD RISK

APPENDICIES

RVR/W7/2

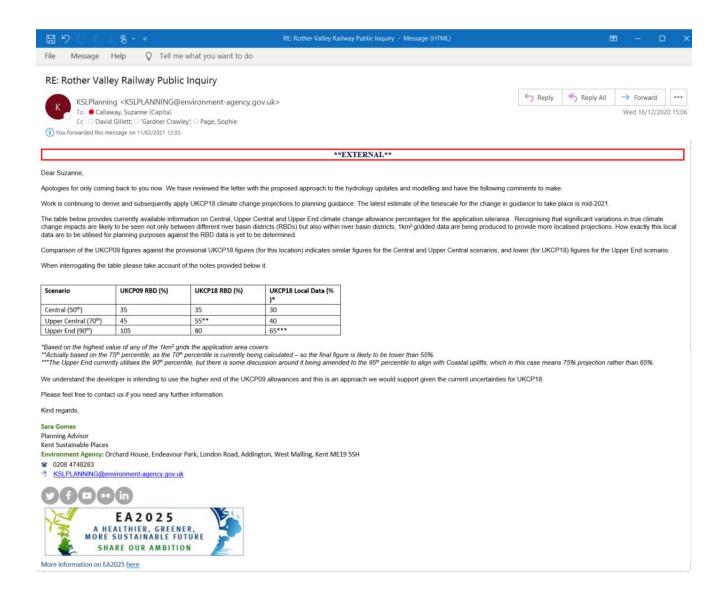


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Ms Suzanne Callaway - Principal Consultant Our ref: KT/2021/127855/03-L01 CAPITA Your ref: RVR Public Inquiry

Symonds House Wood Street

East Grinstead Date: 26 May 2021

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Dear Ms Callaway

ENVPAC/1/KSL/00345 Capita response to Environment Agency comments and the updated flood estimation calculation record in regards - RVR: The Transport And Works Act 1992 (the 1992 Act): proposed Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order Application by: Rother Valley Railway Limited (RVR)

Land Between Robertsbridge And Salehurst, East Sussex, TN32 5PH

Thank you for sending further details for this enquiry. Following our review of the Rother Valley Railway FEH/Hydrology calculation record we have concluded that this Flood Estimation is fit for purpose.

Reasons

The main comments from the review, based on our Red, Amber, Green status are detailed below.

- Overall in the review spreadsheet, enclosed, there are NO Red comments, and NO Amber comments.
- Within the review spreadsheet there may also be Green comments. There is no action to address these.

Note to Enquirer

The additional information provided provides enough reassurance in consideration of the key issues to justify a downgrade of the previous Amber comments to Green. Key issues have largely been addressed however, we are of the opinion that more could have or could be done in some aspects.

As always, the flood estimation element of flood modelling should not be considered complete until applied to the hydraulic model and with sensible results seen (against any historical information), and that will need to be borne in mind by all parties upon review of the hydraulic model.

Next steps

Following a meeting with yourself and the applicants, we agreed to receive a copy of the Flood Risk Assessment and model data submitted as part of the updated Environmental Statement for the Public Inquiry into the TWAO application. As discussed, we will not be able

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to review this in detail as we will require the FRA and the model to be updated again in order to discharge the planning conditions and we do not see the merit to either party in doing this lengthy and detailed work twice.

Please contact me should you wish to discuss the above.

Yours sincerely

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Cc Rother Valley Railway

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