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Sent: 31 May 2018 10:32
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order

Dear Department for Transport

I wish to add my support to the proposed extension of the railway line from Bodiam to Robertsbridge.

I believe the proposers have carefully considered the environmental impact and that the scheme will be of benefit to the local community in terms of promoting sustainable tourism and an economic stimulus to the area.

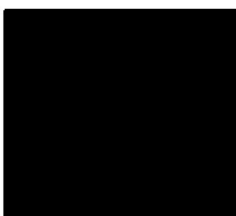
I understand the concerns of some local residents but I feel that if the railway was re-opened they would see that it will not be invasive but an enhancement for the area.

I am concerned however over the possible use of Compulsory Purchase Orders to acquire some of the land. If a landowner does not wish to sell their land - for whatever reason - that is their right, even if it would create a problem for a project which other local people support. If a CPO was used for private project such as this I think it would set an unfortunate precedent. I hope that amicable agreements can be reached between the landowners and the railway's promoters. I understand that the railway are trying to reach such agreements.

In conclusion can I say that I have no personal connection with any of the parties involved.

Yours sincerely

Paul Skinner



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