

OBJ/729 Response to RVR Late Submissions

Sir,

I read, with interest, the submission by RVR on the Flood Plain Storage Compensation but became a bit confused when I looked at the map submitted. I know the area well and it is already part of the flood plain and floods regularly, as does the Cricket Ground, which does not really solve the issue. Without major and extremely costly works I fail to see how this would guarantee that no extra flooding would take place and I am not aware of any permissions that have been granted to undertake such a major project. It is interesting to note that the Cricket Ground and part of the area of the Flood Plain Storage Compensation plan was flooded earlier this month – the first time in living memory that the Cricket Ground has been under water in August!

There appears to be a great deal of Government policies that have been used to either support or object to this scheme, for example:

Present Government has an explicit policy to reopen closed railways, Government Policy on new level crossings, Government Policy on development in flood plains, The Government National Planning Policy Framework, Government Target of Zero Emissions by 2030, Resolution 42/187 of the United Nations General Assembly, Transforming our World, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - to name but a few.

Having read through the documents Mr Turney kindly referred me to whilst I was submitting my evidence to the Inquiry and the many others associated to them including the above, it shows that this project is neither Carbon Neutral, Carbon Negative nor uses sustainable fuel. I would therefore, humbly submit that despite this late attempt by RVR to answer a question raised during the Inquiry (which surely should have been done prior to proceedings) if the Government is committed to solving the issue of Climate Change that this Inquiry rejects the Transport and Works, England The Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order. Do we not owe it to our children and our childrens' children? A small difference now would have far greater impact in the future.

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