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**Subject:** Re: ROTHER VALLEY RAILWAY PUBLIC INQUIRY - Flood plain storage compensation

Hi Brenda and Joanna!

I am so Sorry for the late submission. We have had a hectic few weeks. The terrible weather has lead to flooding on the campsites which closed us for a week. With angry customers and the rolls spinning backwards. Then considerable land management to try to get the site up and running again which has been both expensive and time consuming.

I have attached a couple of pictures to show the flooding also to show how water running through the converts under the existing track forges a stream of water which then pools. This takes considerably longer the drain and dry out than it would if the flood water we're to disperse naturally across the flood plane. I feel they are very relevant and would be interesting for the inspector to see that although the colverts under the track do move the water from one side to the other this process obviously does impact the land and it's use ability either side. Happy to answer any questions relating to the pictures or to shoe my concerns in a site visit, as I understand it is Difficult to see the impact clearly from the photos.

I also have concerns about future maintenance of the colverts and would be interested to hear if this has been planned for long term and how it will be financed if the railway becomes an unviable business either environmentally, financially or stops trading for any other reason.











Kind regards

Anna Eastwood