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1066 Country Marketing is the private/public sector partnership organisation responsible for the marketing of the eastern portion of East Sussex (from the 'Cuckoo Trail' connecting Polegate Heathfield across to the Kent border, so including Herstmonceux, Burwash, Pevensey, Battle, Hastings, Bodiam, Winchelsea, Rye and Camber, but excluding Eastbourne).

We are very pleased that the reinstatement of the Rother Valley Railway from Bodiam to Isbridge received the unanimous support of Rother District Council's planning committee in March 2017.

1066 Country is big business in 1066 Country, generating over £550m and supporting over 12,500 jobs in the area.

1066 Country and East Sussex Railway ('KESR') is one of our partners, as is Bodiam Castle. Reopening the Rother Valley Railway ('RVR') would allow through trains to run between Isbridge and Robertsbridge, connecting with mainline trains on the Hastings/London line.

The RVR would provide another major attraction in its own right, and allow visitors to use public transport to access Bodiam and its castle, and Northiam and Tenterden by train, so reducing the volume of vehicles on the narrow roads around the area, and improving our sustainability.

1066 Country Marketing therefore strongly supports the reopening of the Rother Valley Railway between Bodiam and Robertsbridge.

Faithfully,