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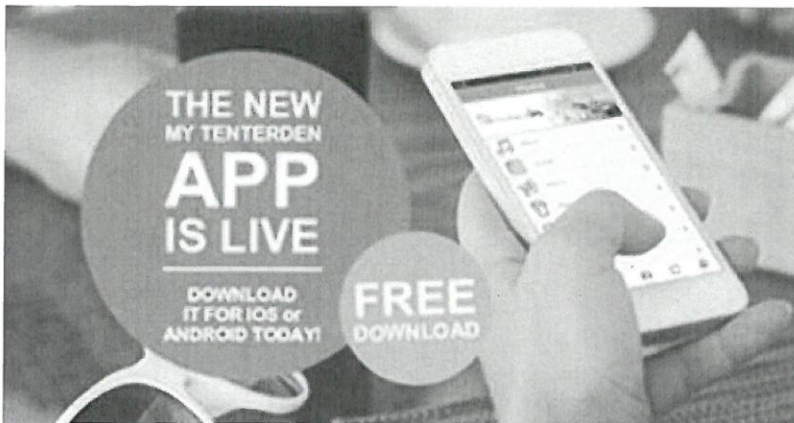
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Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order)

Please find attached my letter of support for this wonderful project

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Secretary of State for Transport
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Dear Sir

Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order)

I am writing in support of this brilliant new heritage line which will bring massive economic benefits to Tenterden and Robertsbridge, and the area in between. To be able to link buildings like Bodiam Castle, which was built in the 14th Century, to the main line will be fantastic for local tourism.

As you will be able to see from these videos, Rother Valley Railway has been diligent in gaining expert opinion as to the economic viability of the project yet at the same time been very careful to address any potential issues

1. Economic benefits of the new line <https://youtu.be/uegDEeeOzZw>
2. Addressing concerns of the new line (A21 level crossing, ecology, flooding)
<https://youtu.be/UW7k1u5EACg>

We need the 70+ new jobs, we need the projected £4.1 million a year the project will bring to the area and we need all the associated economic benefits which will come not only to Tenterden but to Robertsbridge too.

I understand the NIMBY attitude and the fear of the unknown, but I am positive, given a few years, the opposition will understand how fantastic this project is and how much the local area will benefit from it.

Yours faithfully

Sue Ferguson



Bodiam Castle - every child's dream of what a real castle looks like



Kent & East Sussex Railway steam train at Bodiam Station awaiting departure to Tenterden