

Dear Friends, Colleagues and Elected Representatives,

Re: Guildford-Horsham-Shoreham Rail Link Route Protection and re-rail promotion.

I apologise for a bad copy (received) of a letter from Waverley Council regarding a re-run of a Planning Application for a canal along part of the former railway corridor which already doubles up as a footpath/cycleway. ERTA has long called for and has a view that re-railing the corridor would serve the greater good in terms of alternatives more to road usage, cut congestion, reduce emissions, free up land for other things to meet ever more parking demand and so forth. I have produced a basic template letter and invite people to either do their own, print and send and/or fill in, scan and email or email, whichever you prefer. This is a golden opportunity to call on councils and other agencies to support the rail option, canals, cycle paths and footpaths can go along a widened 'green' corridor and/or be directed elsewhere, railway links between principal towns are not so easy and using former routes make some practical sense and does not necessarily exclude others, but others exclude/make harder re-railing the corridor.

Please also find our diagram, which gives a rough guide to connectivities the rail link offers, freeing up wider on/off road and rail capacity. If you need any more information either contact the Council direct (Waverley Borough) or our lead member who undertook to liaise and represent us on the matter via Mobile 07836 693977 or email him via colin.crawford@btconnect.com It is not very often we have a chance for a second bite at the proverbial 'cherry' but this is a window of opportunity for the rail link. Our events page shows we have a public meeting scheduled for 26th March and all are welcome to compare notes. <https://ertarail.co.uk/events/> Please give us your support, however remote you may feel - it is our nationwide interest, reach and range which makes ERTA significant to mobilise for more and better rail and select other public transport matters. We welcome people to join if not already and add their weight. It is amazing what people-power can achieve sometimes, despite the odds. So there can be a hope for the rail option if enough support can be found. Thanks very much.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Pill
ERTA Chairman