



# House of Commons

**Monday 15 July 2019**

## **CONSIDERATION OF BILL (REPORT STAGE)**

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*New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★*

☆ *Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance*

### **HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS - CREWE) BILL, AS AMENDED IN SELECT COMMITTEE**

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#### **NOTE**

**This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in the order in which they relate to the Bill.**

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Rachael Maskell  
Andy McDonald  
Mr Nicholas Brown

**NC1**

To move the following Clause—

**“Quarterly reports on environmental impact, costs and progress**

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish quarterly reports on the scheduled works throughout the period in which those works take place.
  - (2) Each such report must contain an assessment of—
    - (a) environmental impact;
    - (b) costs; and
    - (c) progress compared to the scheduled timetable.
  - (3) The first such report must be laid before Parliament within the period ending three months after the day the scheduled works commence.
  - (4) Each subsequent report must be laid before Parliament within three months of the publication of the last report under this section.”
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**High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill, *continued***

Rachael Maskell  
 Andy McDonald  
 Mr Nicholas Brown

NC2

To move the following Clause—

**“Compensation scheme for tenants**

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations make provision for a scheme to compensate tenants adversely affected by the scheduled works.
- (2) Regulations under this section may contain such supplementary, incidental, consequential or transitional provision as the Secretary of State considers necessary or expedient.
- (3) Regulations under this section must be made by statutory instrument.
- (4) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.”

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Rachael Maskell  
 Andy McDonald  
 Mr Nicholas Brown

NC4

☆ To move the following Clause—

**“Independent peer review**

- (1) The Secretary of State must commission an independent peer review of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands to Crewe) project.
  - (2) The review must include consideration of the project’s—
    - (a) environmental impact,
    - (b) economic impact,
    - (c) engineering, and
    - (d) governance.
  - (3) In this section, “independent” means it is carried out by persons who are independent of—
    - (a) Government,
    - (b) HS2 Ltd, and
    - (c) persons contracted or subcontracted to carry out the scheduled works.
  - (4) In this section, a “peer review” is a review conducted by experts of equivalent professional qualifications, expertise and standing to the persons responsible for each aspect of the project set out in subsection (2).
  - (5) A report of the review in subsection (1) must be laid before the House of Commons within 12 months of this Act receiving Royal Assent.”
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High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill, *continued*

Antoinette Sandbach

NC5

☆ To move the following Clause—

**“Non-disclosure agreements**

- (1) The nominated undertaker, or any subcontractors thereof, must not enter into any non-disclosure agreement with any party in connection with the scheduled works unless the assessor of non-disclosure agreements related to the scheduled works (“the assessor”) has certified that it is in the public interest.
- (2) The Comptroller and Auditor General must appoint a person to be the assessor.
- (3) The assessor must be—
  - (a) independent, and
  - (b) a current or former high court judge, higher judge or Queen’s Counsel.
- (4) In this section, “independent” means independent of—
  - (a) Government,
  - (b) HS2 Ltd, and
  - (c) persons contracted or subcontracted to carry out the scheduled works.
- (5) The assessor must undertake his or her work with a presumption in favour of transparency and public accountability in matters connected to the scheduled works.
- (6) The assessor must review any non-disclosure agreement between the nominated undertaker, or any subcontractors thereof, and any party in connection with the scheduled works and in place before this section comes into force to certify whether it is—
  - (a) in the public interest, or
  - (b) not in the public interest.
- (7) The assessor may not determine that a non-disclosure agreement is in the public interest for the purposes of subsection (1) or (6) except for the reason that it is justified because of exceptional commercial confidentiality.
- (8) If the assessor certifies under subsection (6) that a non-disclosure agreement is not in the public interest that non-disclosure agreement immediately ceases to have effect.
- (9) In this section, a “non-disclosure agreement” means any duty of confidentiality or other restriction on disclosure (however imposed).”

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**NOTICES WITHDRAWN**

*The following Notices were withdrawn on 11 July 2019:*

NC3

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