

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2005-06

CROSSRAIL BILL

Against – on Merits – Praying to be heard by Counsel, &c.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF MR. JONATHAN & MRS. ANGELA KING.

SHEWETH as follows:-

- 1 A Bill (hereinafter referred to as "the bill") has been introduced and is now pending in your honourable House intituled "A bill to make provision for a railway transport system running from Maidenhead, in the County of Berkshire, and Heathrow Airport, in the London Borough of Hillingdon, through central London to Shenfield, in the County of Essex, and Abbey Wood, in the London Borough of Greenwich; and for connected purposes.
- 2 The Bill is promoted by the Department for Transport (hereinafter referred to as "DfT"). There is no Preamble to the Bill but as the Explanatory Notes for the Bill prepared by the DfT state; "The main purpose of this Bill is to secure powers necessary to build Crossrail".
- 3 We object to Clause 1 authorising "the scheduled works" shown as Work No. 2/12 in Schedule 1.
- 4 Work No. 2/12 refers to the proposal to build a freight loop to be known as the Chadwell Heath freight loop. The details and commentary on it are to be found in the proposal documentation, Chapter 7, Route Window NE6, Goodmayes station. The proposal is within the current railway boundary line that abuts our property but brings operational traffic to within 20 metres of our house where none existed before.
- 5 Your Petitioners are owners and beneficiaries of 86 Fenman Gardens, Goodmayes, Ilford, Essex, IG3 9TS in the London Borough of Redbridge, on a 50/50 shared ownership basis with East Thames Group Ltd although solely responsible for maintenance, upkeep and improvements.
- 6 Your Petitioners and their rights, health interests, financial interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

- 7 The then railway board sold land for residential development upon which our house is built. We were cognisant and accepting of the railway line as it currently exists. Bringing the operational line nearer to us will affect us as follows:
- a) Increased noise levels from moving heavy rolling stock and the running engines of parked trains.
 - b) Increased levels of vibration from moving heavy rolling stock affecting our house.
 - c) Increased levels of noise arising from the coupling, uncoupling and moving of parked rolling stock on the truncated lines forming part of the proposed freight loop.
 - d) The dangers arising from bringing high powered cables nearer to our house.
 - e) Increased levels of lighting being intrusive.
 - f) The visual intrusion of rolling stock.
- 8 Your petitioners request that, the Bill is amended so as not to allow the construction of the proposed freight loop.
- 9 For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, Clause 1 & Schedule 1 Works No. 2/12, so far affecting your Petitioners, should not be allowed to pass into law.
- 10 There are other clauses and provisions of the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand will prejudicially affect your Petitioners and their rights, interests and property and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioners.
- 11 Although our property is outside the boundary line as shown on the plans financial compensation should be agreed where the new line is constructed which adversely affects property adjoining said new line. Although our land is not required for construction and therefore Compulsory Purchase is not relevant environmental degradation will result in a fall in value of our property.
- 12 Notwithstanding the above, your petitioners respectfully seek assurance that an alternative location has not been considered (such as running alongside Ilford Depot where there is no adjoining residential property) and discounted.

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that the Bill may not be allowed to pass into law as it now stands and that they may be heard by their Counsel, Agents and witnesses in support of the allegations of this Petition against so much of the Bill as affects the property, rights and interests of your Petitioners and in support of such other clauses and provisions as may be necessary or expedient for their protection, or that such other relief may be given to your Petitioner in the premises as your Honourable House shall deem meet.

AND your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.