

PETITION AGAINST THE CROSSRAIL BILL

**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 **DB Investments Ltd.**

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 presented by Presented by Mr Secretary Darling, supported by The Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Alan Johnson, Secretary Tessa Jowell, and Derek Twigg.
- 3 We Object to Clause 1. The construction of the tunnels will restrict and greatly increase the cost of future development on our land. We Object to clause 50. The provisions in the bill for compensation are unfair as it does not consider the reduced development potential on our land by the prevention of any further loads being placed on the tunnels below. It further does not consider the additional cost that will be incurred in any future (restricted) development by the requirement to not pile over the tunnels and to construct raft foundations
- 4 Your Petitioner is an owner of property 51/55 Redmans Road London E1 in the Borough of Tower Hamlets . which the Bill may directly and specially affect.
- 5 Your Petitioners and their rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
- 6 Our land was purchased for the purpose of long term residential development. It is suitable for and located in an area where there is high demand for residential accommodation. Crossrail engineers advise us that

we cannot increase the loads on our land as it may effect the tunnels below and any (restricted) development would have to be designed with very expensive foundations to spread the building loads. It may be that no future development will be allowed at all.

- 7 [If the Petitioners simply wish that various clauses of the Bill should be amended and do not object to the basic principle of the Bill:] For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, clauses, so far affecting your Petitioners, should not be allowed to pass into law.
- 8 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 [delete as necessary] and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioners.

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.

[Signature of Petitioner in person, or Agent for the Petitioner]