

HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2005-06

CROSSRAIL

PETITION

Against the Bill – 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 GREGORY D. HODGKISS AND CLAIRE M.J.M.
HODGKISS**

SHEWETH as follows:-

1. A Bill (hereinafter called "the Bill") has been introduced into and is now pending in your honourable House entitled "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. Clauses 1 to 20 set out the Bill's objectives in relation to the construction and operation of the railway transport system mentioned in paragraph 1 above. They include provision for compulsory acquisition, planning permission, heritage issues, trees and noise.

Clauses 21 to 44 of the Bill establish a regulatory regime for the railway transport system and clauses 45 to 59 of the Bill deal with miscellaneous and general provisions.

3. The works proposed to be authorised by the Bill are specified in Schedule 1 to the Bill and the scheduled works are defined in the Bill as the works specified in Schedule 1 to the Bill which are works authorised to be constructed by the nominated undertaker (defined in the Bill and hereinafter referred to as "the nominated undertaker").
4. Your Petitioners are Gregory D. Hodgkiss and Claire M.J.M Hodgkiss, of 20 Herington Grove, Hutton Mount, Brentwood Essex CM13 2NN . This is a detached family house constructed in the early years of the twentieth century and occupied by ourselves and our three children .
5. Your Petitioners' house faces onto the site of the proposed works at Shenfield station. According to the Environmental Statement deposited with the Bill, residents of Herington Grove will be significantly affected by noise and or visual impact, to the extent that some residents may be eligible for insulation or even rehousing. Your Petitioners will be so affected.
6. Your Petitioners and their rights interests and property will be injuriously affected by the proposals in the Bill to which your Petitioners objects, for the reasons, amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
7. Your Petitioners' house is situated close to the railway and, according to the Environmental Statement deposited with the Bill, will be significantly affected by noise, dust, vibration and visual effects. Your Petitioners' children will taking important public examinations over the next three years and will be disturbed by the Promoters' works. We request that the Promoters provide full protection for your Petitioners' property from the noise, dust, vibration and visual impact during the period of construction, that no works are undertaken between the hours

of 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. or during the weekend, and the existing natural screen of trees be retained. In the event that the nuisance caused by the works severely disrupts the sleep or learning of your Petitioners' children, then we request that the Promoters provide alternative temporary accommodation of a similar quality to your Petitioners' current house.

8. Your Petitioners believe that the value of their property has already been significantly adversely affected by the project and will continue to be so affected at least until the completion of the project. The protracted nature of the Promoters' works and the uncertainty of the timing of the works means that the value your Petitioners' house will be adversely affected for several years. In the course of employment, your Petitioners are required to move house from time to time, and the Promoters' scheme will hinder sale of the property. There is already evidence that houses in Herington Grove are now blighted by the project, becoming difficult to sell and suffering a loss in value. In addition, any permanent alteration of the visual aspect of the environs of the station area will cause a permanent reduction in value. Your Petitioners therefore request that the Promoters be committed to compensate the Petitioners for any loss in value suffered.

9. As daily users of the railway service into London, your Petitioners and other residents of Shenfield and the surrounding area benefit from a fast, non-stop and regular train service to Stratford and Liverpool Street Station. The Promoters' scheme provides only for a slow, stopping service which will result in no benefit for this area but will adversely affect your Petitioners and the town by the disruption it will cause during the construction process. In addition, the consequential and potentially adverse effect of the Crossrail service on existing services is not clear. Your Petitioners believe that the Promoters' scheme should cause eastbound Crossrail services to terminate at Stratford and provide suitable inter-change facilities there with the existing fast

services from Shenfield and beyond. The requirements of the services for the 2012 London Olympics should be taken into account.

10. There are other clauses and provisions in the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand, will prejudicially affect the rights and interest of your Petitioners and other clauses and provisions necessary for their protection and benefit are omitted therefrom.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE

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your Honourable House that the Bill may not pass into law as it now stands and that they be heard by themselves, 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 amendments as may be necessary and proper for their protection and benefit.

AND YOUR PETITIONERS will ever pray, &c.

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