

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 Prologis (Hayes) Limited

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 Secretary of State for Transport.
3. The main purpose of the Bill is to secure the powers necessary to build cross rail being a railway transport system running from Maidenhead and Heathrow Airport in the west through central London to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east. The Bill includes clauses 6 and 7 which contain powers of compulsory acquisition of land.
4. Your Petitioner is an owner of property in Hayes in the London Borough of Hillingdon identified as numbers 131, 326,327 and 328 in Schedule 6 of the Bill.
5. ~~Your Petitioner and their rights, interests and property are injuriously affected~~ by the Bill, to which your Petitioner object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
6. The Bill if enacted would enable the compulsory acquisition of land which comprises the sole access to land which is being redeveloped for employment ~~and other purposes and which has the benefit of planning permission in that~~ respect. The ability of such access land to be compulsory purchased would be detrimental to the development of the site and is unnecessary. Such rights over, under or in the Petitioners land as are required to facilitate the provision of Crossrail and satisfy the purposes of the Bill can be acquired without the necessity for the compulsory acquisition of the ownership of the land itself. The compulsory acquisition powers should therefore be limited in respect of the Petitioner’s land to powers to acquire the necessary rights over, in or under the land rather than powers to acquire ownership of the land itself.

7. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, clauses 6 and 7 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 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 every pray, &c.
