

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 FORD MOTOR COMPANY 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 Her Majesty's Government.
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 - (a) Clause 1 authorises the construction and maintenance of the works for the delivery of the railway transport system, which is known as Crossrail Line 1. The works are listed in Schedule 1 and shown on the plans and sections deposited with the Bill.
 - (b) Clauses 2 and 3 authorise ancillary works and give effect to Schedules 2 and 3 respectively.
 - (c) Clause 5 and Schedule 5 enable the nominated undertaker for Crossrail to take temporary possession of land in connection with the Crossrail works.
 - (d) Clause 6 authorises the Secretary of State compulsorily to acquire so much of land within the limits shown on the plans and sections accompanying the Bill as may be required for the Crossrail works. Clause 6(3) and Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 6 apply certain legislation relating to compulsory purchase compensation, subject to

modification. The power of compulsory acquisition is subject to a five year time limit, extendable by order of the Secretary of State.

- (e) Clause 7 provides, among other things, authority for the Secretary of State by further compulsory purchase order to acquire land outside the limits shown on the plans and sections or land within the limits but not subject to the powers under clause 6, if required in connection with the Crossrail works.
- (f) Clause 10 provides for the grant of deemed planning permission for development authorised by the Bill and Clause 10(5) in particular applies Schedule 7 which sets out certain controls in favour of local planning authorities over detailed aspects of the Crossrail works.
- (g) Clause 11 provides that deemed planning permission for the scheduled works will be subject to a 10 year time limit, extendable by order of the Secretary of State.
- (h) Clauses 45 and 46 make provision for transfer schemes and nomination of undertakers respectively.
- (i) Clause 47 and Schedule 12 disapply and modify certain statutory controls.
- (j) Clause 50 applies Section 10(1) Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (compensation for injurious affection) subject to the proviso that liability for compensation for land injuriously affected by the Crossrail works falls to the nominated undertaker, as opposed to the Secretary of State.
- (k) Clause 54 provides a power to modify deposited plans or the book of reference if they are inaccurate.

Introductory

- 4 Your Petitioner is the owner of land at Isis Reach, Belvedere and a jetty. Until recently it operated a ferry service for employees of its Dagenham plant across the river, whereby employees would park on its land, accessed via Norman Road, and catch the ferry across to work and vice versa in the evening. The ferry has not operated recently but your Petitioner wishes to retain the potential for recommencing the service in the future or enabling a river ferry operator to undertake crossings using the car park and jetty. The land comprises approximately 2.5 acres.
- 5 The Bill makes provision for the temporary widening of Norman Road in order to enable it to carry the expected number of lorry movements in connection with access to the barge loading facility.
- 6 Your Petitioner and its rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill. Your Petitioner does not object to the principle of the proposed railway transport system. However, your Petitioner is greatly concerned by the provisions of the Bill as they may affect its premises at Isis Reach, Belvedere, and its business. For this reason and having regard to the more detailed particulars referred to below, your Petitioner objects to the Bill.

Effect on access

- 7 Your Petitioner also notes from the Crossrail Environmental Statement that works are proposed to be carried out to Norman Road to enable it to carry the expected number of lorry movements. These works are identified as Work No 1/38c in Schedule 1 to the Bill. Your Petitioner seeks an

assurance that Norman Road will not be left in a worse state of repair than it is at present and that the anticipated lorry movements will not interfere with or prejudice any use of Norman Road in connection with your Petitioner's land.

Compensation provision

- 8 Your Petitioner further submits that provisions within the Bill regarding compensation in respect of compulsory acquisition and other matters are not sufficient to compensate your Petitioner adequately for the potential impact on its land of the provisions and to works referred to in this petition.

General

- 9 For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioner respectfully submits that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, the Bill 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 Petitioner and its rights, interests and property and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioner.

YOUR PETITIONER therefore humbly prays 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 its 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 Petitioner and in support of such other clauses and provisions as may be necessary or expedient for their protection and benefit, or that such other relief may be given to your Petitioner in the premises as your Honourable House shall deem meet.

AND your Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

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