

HOUSE OF COMMONS  
SESSION 2005-06

CROSSRAIL

PETITION

**Against the Bill- Praying to be heard by counsel, &c.**

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TO THE HONOURABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF  
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT  
ASSEMBLED.

**THE HUMBLE PETITION OF GRACE CROOK**

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 Petitioner is Mrs. Grace Crook of The Lodge, 14, Herington Grove, Hutton Mount, Brentwood, Essex. This is a detached three bedroom house occupied solely by your Petitioner, a retired widow, in her late seventies.
5. Your Petitioner's house backs on to 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 re-housing. Your Petitioner will be so affected and has been notified of this by the Promoters. Your Petitioner is seventy-eight years old and relies heavily on the use of Friar's Avenue car park when shopping in Shenfield. That car park, according to the Environmental Statement will be occupied fully as a work site for a year. The only other alternative in the area for off street parking is the Shenfield Station long stay car park and that is proposed to be occupied as a work site at the same time.
6. Your Petitioner and her rights interests and property will be injuriously and directly affected by the proposals in the Bill to which your Petitioner objects for the reasons, amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
7. Your Petitioner is concerned about the value of her property being seriously affected by the proposed works. At least two properties in Herington Grove have been on the market for sale for over one year and despite their prices being reduced the properties are still unsold. As the Promoters are unable to time table the proposed works the property blight will affect many others and your Petitioner for an indefinite and lengthy period of time and she will not be able to plan her future. In addition to such uncertainties your Petitioner together with many others will qualify for re-housing for about three months on account of noise nuisance from the works which will result in significant disruption and is likely to affect your Petitioner's well being and health. In view of the significant and long-term disruption to your Petitioner, residents and businesses affected by the proposed works it would be advisable to site the North East terminus at Stratford not Shenfield. There is already an excellent train service from Shenfield to Stratford to provide a feeder service for Crossrail from Stratford. Neither your Petitioner nor the users of Shenfield Station will benefit from the proposed works being sited at Shenfield.
8. There are other clauses and provisions in the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand, will prejudicially affect the rights and interests of your Petitioner and other clauses and provisions necessary for her protection and benefit are omitted therefrom.

YOUR PETITIONER THEREFORE

HUMBLY PRAYS

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

AND YOUR PETITIONER will ever pray, &c.