

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 MICHAEL WOOD AND NATALIE VICTORIA WOOD**

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 Michael Wood and Natalie Victoria Wood, of 71 Hunter Avenue, Shenfield, Essex, CM15 8PF . This is a house on a planned main thoroughfare for Crossrail construction traffic, and is a family dwelling of two adults and two children under the age of eight .
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 Hunter Avenue 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' house is located on a road which will, according to the Environmental Statement deposited with the Bill, be used as a route for construction vehicles coming to and from the work sites at Shenfield Station and your Petitioners will therefore be affected by increased noise and traffic congestion outside their house. Furthermore this road is a main thoroughfare for children attending local primary and secondary schools, who would be at increased risk of accident from these construction vehicles.

7. 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.
8. Your petitioners object because the benefits presented by the Promoters from terminating the Crossrail service at Shenfield are inconclusive. Termination of the Crossrail service at Stratford will retain the existing fast and "all stations" services into Essex and East Anglia, as well as allowing interconnection with main line, underground, light railway and Eurostar services. Termination at Shenfield offers none of these advantages. The business case for termination at Stratford as opposed to Shenfield should therefore be re-examined.
9. Your petitioners also object because the Environmental Statement indicates possible noise insulation measures and / or rehousing for affected properties for an extended period during construction. However the Promotor has been unable to confirm what properties will be so affected. A clear statement should be published so that those affected are formally made aware and have a reasonable period to plan and react to these measures.
10. Your petitioners further object that the proposed route for construction traffic will present an increased risk of accident and injury to school children who use Hunter Avenue to travel to local primary and secondary schools. Alternative routes should be considered to miminise the risk to pedestrians.
11. Your petitioners further object because during the consultation period and subsequent course of construction work it will be difficult to sell properties in the immediate area for their full and fair market value, as a direct result of this project. Suitable assurances and compensation measures should be established by the Promoters to address this.
12. 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

HUMBLY PRAY

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.