

HOUSE OF COMMONS

SESSION 2005-06

CROSSRAIL

PETITION

of

David William Dunsdon

and Diane Lesley Dunsdon



AGAINST,

BY COUNSEL, &c.

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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 David William Dunsdon and Diane Lesley Dunsdon

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 David William Dunsdon and Diane Lesley Dunsdon, of 13 Friars Avenue, Shenfield, Essex CM15 8HY . The property is a 3 bedroom semi-detached house currently occupied by both petitioner together with Mrs Ray Collins (Diane's elderly mother) .

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 Friar's 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.

5. Your Petitioners and their rights interests and property will be injuriously affected by the proposals in the Bill to which your Petitioners object , for the reasons, amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

6. Your petitioners are very concerned by the 'blight' that the Bill will bring to their property both during and after construction. Your petitioners reasons are that platform 5 of Shenfield station is to be extended to allow it to extend beyond and be viewed from your Petitioners property and a new platform (6) will be built considerably nearer to your Petitioners property. This will cause excessive noise and vibration to the property as well as allowing persons on the new platform to view directly into your Petitioners house and garden. Whilst new planting to screen the platforms is planned this will take a considerable number of

years to mature and will do little to block out any of the extra noise and vibration. Your Petitioners are also not being offered any noise insulation despite the platforms extending both past and closer to their property. This will again reduce the value of your Petitioners property should we have to sell the house both before, during and after the Bill's completion. Your Petitioners will be looking to the Promoters to fully compensate them for this loss.

7. Your Petitioners also cannot see any logical point in providing this improved rail service as a 'fast' train service is already available from Shenfield to Liverpool Street station and this is the only line that is used by the majority of commuters travelling to the city (including your Petitioners). Additionally should the crossrail project be completed it would still be much quicker for your Petitioners to use the fast train link to Stratford or Liverpool Street stations and then change to the new line there. This really asks the question of why the Bill is being extended to include Shenfield when clearly the most logical solution would be to terminate the service at Stratford.
8. For these reasons the Promoters should clearly listen to your Petitioners in that the new service is of no use to them, Shenfield and the surrounding area whatsoever.
9. 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.