

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 DOREEN HEADON**

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 Doreen Headon, of 50 Hunter Avenue, Shenfield, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8PF. Doreen Headon has lived in the same three bedroomed house for 50 years and is extremely concerned at the prospect of the Cross Rail Link.
5. Your Petitioner's 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.

Your Petitioner's 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 Petitioner will therefore be affected by increased noise and traffic congestion outside her house.

Your Petitioner is 76 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 work site at the same time.

6. Your Petitioner and her rights interests and property will be injuriously affected by the proposals in the Bill to which your Petitioner objects, for the reasons, amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
7. Shenfield is by national standards, a quiet suburban town and yet commuter parking in Hunter Avenue has been a major problem for years. The residents have fought tirelessly to effect necessary changes to prevent commuters blocking their driveways and making life intolerable during the working week. Should this project go ahead, the current infrastructure will not cope. It will inflict untold stress and misery upon its elderly residents who will undoubtedly be surrounded by noise, dust and construction traffic let alone the negative impact on the value of their respective properties. We should not be subjected to such mindless upheaval when there is a suitable alternative available at Stratford. I, Doreen Headon, am wholeheartedly opposed to the Crossrail Link and "the Promoters"
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 interest of your Petitioners and other clauses and provisions necessary for their protection and benefit are omitted therefrom.

YOUR PETITIONER[S] THEREFORE

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