

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 Mr. WILLIAM ALEXANDER LOGAN WATT &  
Mrs. COLINA WATT**

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 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 Mr. William Alexander Logan Watt & Mrs. Colina. Watt of Greenloaning, 8, Herington Grove, Hutton Mount, Brentwood, Essex. This is a detached 4-bedroom house occupied by ourselves, a retired couple, in their late seventies.
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 Herington Grove will be significantly affected by noise or visual impact, to the extent that some residents may be eligible for insulation or even rehousing
6. Your Petitioners and their 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
7. Your Petitioners, being dependent upon realisable capital invested in their home to finance arrangements for imminent old age, find themselves in an impossible position due to the Crossrail project. It is not only the effect of property blight - although this is seriously worrying already as illustrated by the predicament of the two unoccupied properties (Nos. 3 and 5 Herington Grove) opposite us - it is also the uncertainties of timing regarding the start and finish of the project at Shenfield which is troubling. We are no longer in a position realistically to plan ahead.
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 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, 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.