

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 CLIVE JONATHAN CORRIS, SUSAN ELIZABETH  
CORRIS, JONATHAN ROGER CORRIS and REBECCA ELIZABETH CORRIS**

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 Clive Jonathan Corris, Susan Elizabeth Corris, Jonathan Roger Corris and Rebecca Elizabeth Corris, of Brooklyn, Alexander Lane, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1AG . This property is a long-established, four-bedroomed detached dwelling-house, standing in its own grounds .
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 Alexander Lane 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 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.
7. 1. Your Petitioners submit that the costs, to residents, to rail travellers, users of the retail businesses in Shenfield and the environment, associated with the Promoters proposal to make Shenfield the eastern terminus, in preference to terminating their railway transport system at Stratford, significantly outweigh any demonstrable benefits. Your Petitioners request that, in your consideration of the proposals, the Promoters be required to fully justify their extension of the system, from

Stratford, to Shenfield. 2. Your Petitioners submit that, if the proposed works are approved, their home will be subject to a considerable detriment, as a consequence of the planning blight which will effectively, at best, significantly reduce the property's resale value or, at worst, render it totally unsaleable, for a period of many years. As the property is the principal financial asset of the Petitioners, they face considerable hardship, if they require to affect a sale, prior to completion of the works. 3. Beyond the completion of the works, the adverse environmental consequences of the works, including the significant airborne pollution and dust, together with the works the Promoters would propose to carry out to the property, to reduce the impact on the occupants, of the works, will continue to exercise a negative influence on the value of the property. 4. Throughout the period of the works, the Petitioners will be experience considerable detriment to their ability to use and freely enjoy their home. The age of the property means that three of the external walls are of solid brick construction. The build up of heat, in the walls, during the summer months, means that windows are kept open, throughout the property, whenever someone is at home. The envisaged noise and dust pollution, together with the additional traffic fumes, will render this impossible, for the duration of the works. Equally, the use of the garden, by the Petitioners, will be severely constrained. 5. One of the Petitioners, Rebecca Corris, is employed as a security guard, by the British Airports Authority, at Stansted and is required to work a shift pattern, based upon two early (05:00 start) and three late (10:00 start) shifts, of 10 hours each, with two rest days, between each cycle. The works will significantly impact her ability to maintain an adequate sleep pattern. 6. The closure of the Shenfield car parks, together with the significant number of vehicular movements required, to the worksites in Shenfield, will inevitably increase the volume and density of traffic using Alexander Lane. Alexander Lane is already heavily congested, at peak times, being used by commuters, going to and from the station and pupils and parents, going to and from the three local schools. The consequence, for the Petitioners, will be increased traffic noise,

increased pollution and increased difficulty in accessing and leaving their own property. 7. The Promoters' Environmental assessments, in so far as they have been made available, appear to take no regard of the rising ground, behind our property. The rising ground has the effect of reflecting back noise, such that noise from the railway, or the street, can be heard more loudly and clearly at the sides and rear of the house, than in the front of the house. The Promoters' proposals for the fitting of tertiary glazing to the front of the house are, therefore, inadequate.

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

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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.

