

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  
MICHAEL ARTHUR ROSS AND MAUREEN MARCIA ROSS**

**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 Arthur Ross and Maureen Marcia Ross of 16 Herington Grove, Shenfield, Essex CM13 2NN. Your Petitioners are the sole occupants of 16 Herington Grove which is a detached five bedroomed house built in 1907 which has been the family house since 1984. It is frequently visited by your Petitioners' four children and ten grandchildren.
5. Your Petitioners' house backs 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 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. Your Petitioners understand that they may well need to be rehoused for a significant period whilst particularly noisy and dirty work takes place at Shenfield Station. Not only would this cause great inconvenience to your Petitioners, but your Petitioners feel it would also cause them great stress. Your Petitioners are elderly (70 and 75 respectively) and they would worry greatly throughout the time their house remained unoccupied, particularly as a number of adjoining houses would also be unoccupied.
8. Your Petitioners understand that they would be significantly affected by the noise and dust caused by the work at Shenfield Station even after returning to their property. They understand that they would be unlikely to be able to use their garden which is a source of great pleasure to them. It is likely that night work and floodlighting would lead to 24-hour-a-day disruption.
9. Your Petitioners feel that the value of their property at 16 Herington Grove has already been detrimentally affected by the proposal to carry out works at Shenfield Station and is likely to continue to be so affected until the works had been completed at Shenfield Station and possibly thereafter. Although your Petitioners have no current plans to sell

the property, they may be forced to do so in view of their age before the building work at Shenfield Station has been completed and would be likely to suffer financial loss as a result.

10. That part of Hutton Road adjacent to Shenfield Station is already subject to severe congestion at certain times of the day. Once work commences it is highly likely that the whole area would be totally gridlocked by contractors' lorries.
11. Your Petitioners feel that there is likely to be pressure on the local council to relax parking restrictions in Herington Grove whilst the building works take place because of the proposed use of Friars Avenue car park at Shenfield Station long-stay car park as work sites. There is no pavement in Herington Grove and parking on the roadside would force pedestrians to walk in the centre of the road which is highly dangerous.
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

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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.