

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 STUART AND TAMSIN OWENS**

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 Stuart and Tamsin Owens, of 29 Friars Avenue, Shenfield CM15 8HY . This is a 3-bedroom detached house. Residents are Stuart, Tamsin and Samuel Owens .
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 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.
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 believe that the actual impact for the Petitioners' house has not been fully determined and the Promoters must divulge in detail the proposed plan before the Bill is passed. According to the Promoters' map 'NE17', there are significant noise and visual implications to 25 Friars Avenue but not to the Petitioners at number 29. Your Petitioners believe there will be significant disturbance during works which will effect the daily life of Tamsin and Samuel Owens who are at home for most of the day.

8. The Petitioners wish to sell their house within the next five years and believe the works will severely reduce the saleability of the house and the sale price. The Petitioners believe the Promoters must compensate them fully for any reduction in house price due to the works and also due to the effect the works have on Shenfield as a whole. The Petitioners believe Shenfield will not retain its' small town atmosphere and it's attraction will lessen to new inhabitants.
9. The Petitioners would like to know where the cars from the two car parks that are being closed will be moved to. The Petitioners are wholly against any parking along Friars Avenue and this would need to be confirmed to the Petitioners before works start.
10. The Petitioners believe that the motion for Crossrail to terminate at Shenfield has not been sufficiently investigated and termination at Stratford would still meet all of the requirements for a cross London rail link and cause less upheaval and disruption. The cause for terminating at Shenfield was decided many years ago and the Petitioners believe the decision plans should be revisited. Shenfield will gain no benefit from the works. The Promoters need to convince the Petitioners further of the cause for bringing Crossrail to Shenfield rather than Stratford.
11. 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.