



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 DANIEL AND GILLIAN HEARTSHORNE

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 Daniel and Gillian Heartshorne of The Mill, Greenway, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, CM13 2NP. This is a five bedroom detached house, situated on the Hutton Mount Estate, occupied by four persons .
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 and Greenway 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' house sits immediately adjacent to these houses and they submit that their property will be likewise affected. Furthermore, your Petitioners rely on the 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 alternative in the area for off street car parking is the Shenfield long stay car park and that is proposed to be occupied as a work site at the same time.
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 do not object in principle to the decision to construct Crossrail, but there are many matters arising from the proposals in the Bill which cause great concern to your Petitioners. Your Petitioners are

hopeful that their concerns can be met by agreement with the Promoters.

8. Your Petitioners note the planned construction of a new platform together with extensions to the lengths of existing platforms at Shenfield Station together with revised stabling sidings and the laying of new track. Your Petitioners are particularly concerned with the problems of noise, vibration, dust, dirt, working hours, visual impact, safety and the disruption to road traffic and pedestrians during construction. Your Petitioners are also extremely concerned about noise, vibration and light pollution from Shenfield Station and Crossrail trains when they are operational. Your Petitioners submit that the nominated undertaker should be made subject to suitable standards in respect of each of these matters and that there should be a provision for noise insulation policy and for compensation to be paid where these standards and policy are breached or other suitable mitigation or remedy put in place.
9. Your Petitioners are also concerned about the effects on road traffic, pedestrians and property owners near to the worksites. The Petitioners are keen to ensure that they are properly compensated for damage caused by the construction and operation of Crossrail and that they are consulted fully as regards the construction programme at Shenfield. Your Petitioners are concerned that the proposed construction works might lead to loss of amenity if construction traffic and reduced car parking cause any loss of business and consequent closure of shops and businesses in Shenfield.
10. Your Petitioners consider that the use of surrounding roads for construction traffic will have an adverse impact on Shenfield Broadway, the surrounding road networks and upon the environment. Your Petitioners request that the Promoters should make every endeavour to use rail for the delivery and removal of materials and equipment and to minimise the use of road vehicles wherever possible so as to minimise the adverse impact on your Petitioners' amenities.

11. Your petitioners are anxious about road closures and traffic diversions and changes to traffic flow that might be routed via the roads on the Hutton Mount Estate. Your Petitioners submit that the nominated undertaker should be required to consult with Hutton Mount Limited as owners of majority of the roads on the Hutton Mount Estate to allay their anxieties.
12. Your Petitioners submit that the nominated undertaker should be required to carry out and fund all necessary remedial and repair work to the roads on Hutton Mount Estate if traffic is diverted onto the Estate, which cost of works would otherwise have to be borne by your Petitioners and other owners of property on Hutton Mount Estate.
13. Your Petitioners submit that the nominated undertaker should also ensure that alternative parking spaces should be made available nearby to replace spaces lost during the construction period. Also the nominated undertaker should ensure alternative spaces should be made available to replace the temporary loss of parking spaces for long stay use by commuters using Shenfield Station.
14. There are a number of houses occupied by your Petitioners and their neighbours which are at or nearby the proposed works at the railway line and Shenfield Station and which are likely to be sensitive to noise and vibration during the construction period and when the railway comes into operation. There are also commercial properties in the immediate vicinity which are used as an amenity by your Petitioners including the shops on Shenfield Broadway. Your Petitioners submit that the Promoters should be required to ensure that ground-borne noise and vibration during the construction period is kept to an absolute minimum by the use of advanced technology and equipment. Your Petitioners are concerned that noise and vibration, while meeting design standards put forward by the Promoters, may still be radiated into buildings to an unacceptable extent. Your Petitioners submit that the nominated undertaker should be subjected to stringent design

standards and where the railway passes near to noise sensitive buildings the nominated undertaker should be required to install additional procedures and design methods to inhibit the transmission of noise and vibration into such buildings. Your Petitioners also submit that the nominated undertaker should put in place a comprehensive noise monitoring scheme and be subjected to a compensation code where agreed noise and vibration standards are breached.

15. Your Petitioners are also concerned to ensure that the Promoters should be required to use the best possible methods and equipment to minimise noise and vibration during operation of the railway. Appropriate standards should be incorporated in the contract with the nominated undertaker to ensure that these standards are met.
16. Your Petitioners are concerned about the impact of the construction of the railway on existing rail services at Shenfield Station which is an important mainline and "metro" station for travellers into London, including your Petitioners. Your Petitioners seek assurances and undertakings from the Promoters that the service patterns are guaranteed.
17. Your Petitioners are not currently exposed to noise or vibration from the rail line or Shenfield Station and are extremely concerned that they may become affected by operation of the Crossrail trains. Your Petitioners are concerned that there is little assessment in the Environmental Statement of the potential noise impact of the trains and any public announcement systems at Shenfield Station, and request that such assessments are carried out prior to commencement of works.
18. Your Petitioners are concerned that the plans of the Promoters have not adequately made the case for the construction of a new bay platform at Shenfield Station. The nuisances and disturbance from these works in the construction phase will be considerably injurious to your petitioners. Your Petitioners are not assured that the additional platform is necessary, as by the plans of the Promoters, the station's

platforms are proposed to accommodate fewer trains. Your Petitioners request that the Promoters provide to the Petitioners and Brentwood Borough Council their analysis and justifications as to the requirement for a new platform.

19. Your Petitioners are concerned that noise, vibration, dust and pollution from construction of the new bay platform and works to extend the existing platforms at Shenfield Station, and the stabling sidings will have a very significant impact on your Petitioners and on the amenity of the businesses in their vicinity. Your Petitioners are seriously concerned that the criteria used by the Promoters in assessing noise pollution are more relaxed than those applied by your Petitioners' local government authority in respect of planning applications for commercial and industrial activity in the Borough of Brentwood, and request that the Promoters should carry out further assessments using the criteria employed by your Petitioners' local government authority.
20. Your Petitioners are also concerned about the impact of temporary site lighting on a number of residential properties including the Petitioners', as well as operational lighting from Shenfield Station, tracks and stabling sidings, and request the Promoters should provide measures to ensure the impact of such lighting is kept to a minimum.
21. Your Petitioners request information from the promoters as to when trains will move to and from the stabling sidings. Your Petitioners are concerned, should trains be moving to and from the stabling sidings in the early mornings and late at night, to ensure that there are adequate systems in place to reduce noise to a minimum at these times when such nuisance is less tolerable.
22. 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.