



IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2005-2006

CROSSRAIL BILL

Against – on Merits – 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 Tarsem Singh, Sadhu Ram, Harbans Singh and Sardar Properties (UK) Limited.

SHEWETH as follows:-

1. A Bill (hereinafter referred to as "the bill") has been introduced and is now pending in your honourable House intituled "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. The Bill is presented by Mr Secretary Darling, supported by The Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Alan Johnson, Secretary Tessa Jowell, and Derek Twigg.
3. The bill contains clauses allowing for the compulsory acquisition and/or temporary possession and use of land and clauses which do not provide for adequate compensation to the property owners having regard to their interests in the land which might be the subject of compulsory purchase or temporary possession and the losses already incurred as a result of the proposals.
4. Your Petitioners are "owners of property in 68-80 Hanbury Street London", which the Bill may directly and specifically affect.
5. Your Petitioners and their rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
6. Your Petitioners object to the Bill because they have received notice (number 6957) from Winckworth Sherwood notifying them of the intention that if the bill passes into law it will confer various rights of compulsory acquisition or use over the property of the Petitioners.
7. Your Petitioners also object because if the bill were to be enacted and their land subsequently acquired whether compulsorily or on a temporary basis, they would not receive adequate compensation.
8. The compensation proposed by the bill does not offer adequate compensation now or in the future for the immediate effect of the proposals contained in the bill.

9. Your Petitioners also object because if the bill were to be enacted and subsequently all other necessary consents could not be obtained or were delayed for the proposed development, the damage to the petitioners' interests in their land will have served no purpose and they would not have received proper compensation.
10. Your Petitioners also object because the bill does not contain any provision for the return of the Land to the Petitioners following its acquisition and/or use by Crossrail.
11. Your Petitioners also object to the size and location of the ventilation shaft which Crossrail have given notice to the petitioners of which affects their land.
12. Your Petitioners also object to the proposal to compulsorily acquire the whole of the Petitioners' land.
13. Your Petitioners also object because no land is offered in exchange.
14. Your Petitioners also object because there are no guarantees offered to return the land which is the subject of the notice served by Winckworth Sherwood to the Petitioners after construction of a ventilation shaft.
15. Your Petitioners also object because it is not necessary to use the whole area of their property for the purposes of construction of a ventilation tunnel and/or a shaft and/or storage of plant and equipment.
16. Your Petitioners also object because the proposals will cause substantial deterioration of the use to which the Petitioners' land is currently put and its value.
17. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, the clauses dealing with the acquisition and/or use of land and compensation therefore by Crossrail, should not be allowed to pass into law.
18. There are other clauses and provisions of the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand will prejudicially affect your Petitioners and their rights, interests and property and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioners.

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore humbly pray and your Honourable House that the Bill may not be allowed to pass into law as it now stands and that they may be heard by 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 provisions as may be necessary or expedient for their protection, or that such other relief may be given to your Petitioner in the premises as your Honourable House shall deem meet.

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Limited

AGAINST, By Counsel, &c.