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IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2005-06

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 Castlemore Securities 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 "the Crossrail Bill".
2. The Bill is presented by Mr Secretary Darling. The Bill is 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 Abbeywood, in the London Borough of Greenwich; and for connected purposes".
3. Objection is to be made to clauses 1(1)(b) and 1(1)(c) which allows the nominated undertaker to construct, maintain and renew rail systems and station facilities on lands numbered 10 to 26 as shown on the deposited plans numbered 110401-WIG00-F00-F-50315 Revision J and 110401-WIG00-F00-F-50316 Revision J.
4. Your Petitioner is Castlemore Securities Limited, a company that has an interest in property in Southall, in the London Borough of Ealing ("the Property"). The Property comprises the former gasworks which lie on land north of Southall Railway Station. Your Petitioner has a contract to buy the Property from SecondSite Property Holdings Limited ("SecondSite"), and proposes to enter into a joint venture agreement with SecondSite in order to develop the Property. Application for Planning Permission has been made to develop the Property.
5. Your Petitioner and its interests are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioner objects for reasons, amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
6. The Bill as it currently stands proposes to replace and renew Southall Railway Station. This proposal would create a new station entrance, a new ticket hall, platform extensions, refurbishment to an existing station building, conversion of an

existing station building, a new pedestrian crossing, a relocated bus stop, and an uplift to an existing station building. The proposed changes to Southall Railway Station are in conflict with the Petitioner's desire to develop the Property and to construct an access road which would facilitate the development of the Property. As the Petitioner understands it, CrossRail is amenable to a common scheme that would allow both the new Southall Railway Station and the road access to be provided. This could be achieved by building the new Southall Railway Station above the proposed access road. The Petitioner therefore respectfully asks that the clauses relating to the proposed replacement of Southall Railway Station are amended.

7. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioner respectfully submits that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, clauses 1(1)(b) and 1(1)(c), so far affecting your Petitioner, should not be allowed to pass into law.
8. There are other clauses and provisions of the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand will prejudicially affect your Petitioner and its interests and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioner.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your Honourable House that the Bill may not be allowed to pass into law as it now stands and that it may be heard by its Counsel, Agents and witnesses in support of the allegations of this Petition against so much of the Bill that affects the property, rights and interests of your Petitioner and in support of such other clauses and provisions as may be necessary or expedient for its protection, or that such other relief may be given to your Petitioner in the premises as your Honourable House shall deem meet.