

IN PARLIAMENT  
HOUSE OF COMMONS  
SESSION 2005-06

**CROSSRAIL BILL**

**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 F Company (Royal Green Jackets) Territorial Army

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. 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.
4. ~~Your Petitioners are F Company the Royal Green Jackets (Territorial Army) situated at 56 Davies Street, London, W1. /~~
5. Your Petitioners contend that the site works proposed for 65 Davies Street and which are to lead to street closures in the immediate vicinity will cause serious disruption to the working of the Territorial Army Company and to the Middlesex and North West London Army Cadet Force contingent at 56 Davies Street, London, W.1.

6. Your Petitioners are tasked to provide Civil Contingency Reaction Force (CCRF) capability as part of GOC London District support to the Civil Authorities in time of emergencies. Your Petitioners believe that their ability to discharge their task could be reduced by traffic diversions which would make vehicle movements difficult from the rear of the 56 Davies Street premises. Your Petitioners currently have 4 tonne vehicle access to the rear of 56 Davies Street by way of South Molton Lane, W.1.
7. Your Petitioners oppose the proposal to close Davies Mews for eighteen months for compensation grouting on the grounds of the noise, dirt, dust and vibration caused by the construction work. Your Petitioners contend that compensation grouting should take place within the 65 Davies Street site.
8. Your Petitioners do not oppose the principle of the Crossrail Bill but are concerned about noise, pollution and disturbance during construction together with disruption of vehicular access and the noise and vibration from the running of trains. Your Petitioners are further concerned that the above disruption could impair their ability as a Territorial Army Unit to carry out duties in aid of the Civil Power under their Civil Contingency Reaction Force liability.

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore humbly pray 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.

AND your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.