

IN PARLIAMENT  
HOUSE OF COMMONS  
SESSION 2004-05

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 LA21 Traffic & Transport Group(Bexley)

SHEWETH as follows:-

1. A Bill(hereinafter referred to as "the bill") has been introduced and is now pending in your honorable 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 The Prime Minister, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr. Secretary Hain, Secretary Alan Johnson, Secretary Tessa Jowell and Derek Twigg.
3. Termination at Abbey Wood rather than continuing to Ebbsfleet.
4. Your Petitioners are residents of the London Borough of Bexley
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. We object to the Eastern end of the proposed route terminating at Abbey Wood rather than being extended to Ebbsfleet. Termination at Abbey Wood will attract even more traffic to over-congested roads in Bexley with insufficient parking provision in that location. As South East London suffers from a lack of a proper public Transport system with no Underground or Tram and lack of a proper rail structure this extension will provide a much needed solution to the current problem. However Abbeywood is better than no Crossrail.
7. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that unless the Bill is amended as proposed above it will effect your Petitioners and should not be allowed to pass into law.

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.