

Petition against a hybrid bill

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 Great Western Studios Management Ltd.

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. 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 clause 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 Petitioner is Great Western Studios Management Ltd, the leaseholder of a property in Paddington New Yard. Great Western Studios provides affordable workspace for over 140 individuals and small businesses involved in the creative industries.
5. Your Petitioners and their interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

Site Specific: Paddington New Yard

6. Paddington New Yard will be used as a general work site . The works involved will require the demolition of 'The Lost Goods Building' which houses Great Western Studios. Your petitioners have concerns over the loss of this building. Great Western Studios houses over 140 businesses operating in the creative sector. Great Western Studios is an important provider of affordable workspace for this sector. The promoters should provide alternative business premises for those businesses which will lose their work space owing to the demolition of the building for Crossrail. Your petitioners are concerned that the businesses should be relocated in the local vicinity and in circumstances which allow the continued operation of their businesses without hindrance.
7. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, so far affecting your Petitioners, 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 witness in support of the allegations of this Petition so much as the bill affects the property 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 every pray , &c.