



IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2005-2006

CROSSRAIL BILL

Against - On merits - Praying to be heard by Counsel, &c

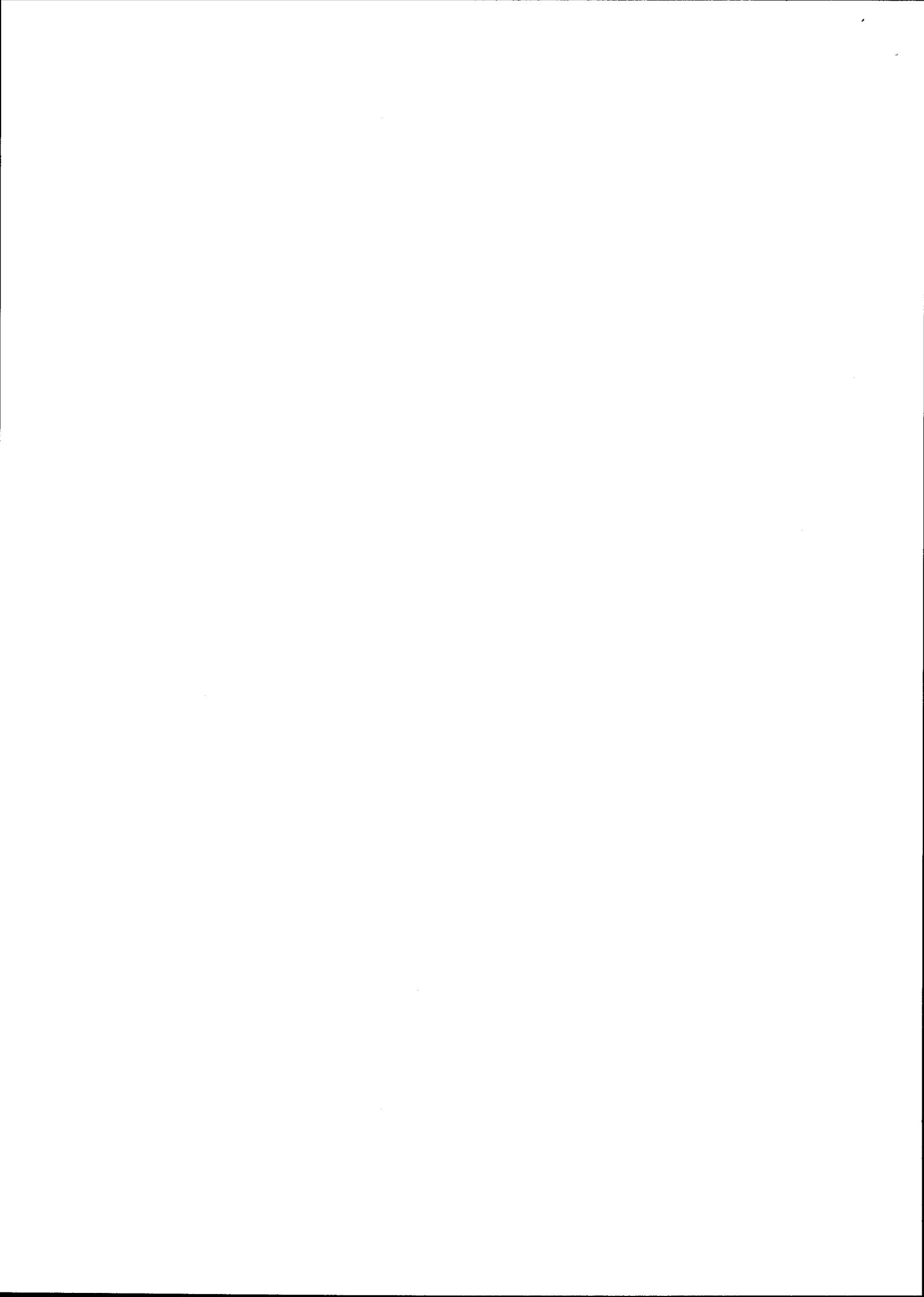
To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled.

THE HUMBLE PETITION of Michael Andrew Harrison, Arnold David Moxon and Gordon Gemmell Selway, members of the National Council of the Cyclists' Touring Club, 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 provisions of the bill relating to the works to be authorised by the Bill contained and set out in Clauses 1 and 2 and in Schedules 1 and 2 of the Bill make no or no adequate appropriate provision for the needs of cyclists.
4. The provisions of the Bill relating to highways contained and set out in Clause 3 and in Schedule 3 of the Bill make no or no adequate appropriate provision for the needs of cyclists.
5. Your Petitioners are Michael Andrew Harrison of 11 (2f3) Stead's Place, Edinburgh EH6 5DY, Arnold David Moxon of Rivendell, Woolfords Lane, Elstead, Godalming, Surrey GU8 6LL and Gordon Gemmell Selway of 214 Austin Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire B60 3NY.
6. Your Petitioners are members of the National Council of the Cyclists' Touring Club [hereinafter referred to as 'the Club'], a voluntary organisation founded on August 5th 1878 and incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (company number 25185) on September 28th 1887 with its registered office at Cotterell House, 69 Meadow, Godalming, Surrey GU7 3HS.
7. The Club is the national cycling and cyclists' organisation. It has about 55,000 members, and estimates that a further 15,000 and more cyclists are in membership of local cycling clubs which in turn are affiliates of the Club.
8. The Club's 24 directors are the members of its National Council, and are (with the exception of its President, two Vice-Presidents and its Honorary Legal Advisor) elected by the members of the Club within each of the regions of England, and in Wales, Scotland, Ireland and the rest of the world.



9. The Club's objects include the promotion of the use of cycles, the promotion and safeguarding of the interests of cyclists, the encouragement of cycling, and to take appropriate action in Parliament to assist in achieving its aims and objects.
10. The Club in the performance of its objects of promoting and safeguarding the interests of cyclists seeks to promote and safeguard the interests of all cyclists, whether or not they are members of the Club.
11. Your Petitioners and their rights and interests and the rights and interests of those they and the Club of which they are directors seek to represent are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for the reasons amongst others hereinafter appearing.
12. Your Petitioners, and the Club of which they are directors, are of the considered view that there are substantial benefits to be gained or maintained - both to the individual cyclist who has adopted a combination of bicycle and train in order to make journeys which it is perceived can only otherwise be made by the use of private motor vehicles as well as in other respects, and to the community at large - by ensuring that the scheme to be delivered by means of the Bill contains provisions which preserve or enhance those facilities which ease the use of bikes to access the existing rail services along the line of Crossrail and their carriage on those services and makes good provision for facilitating train and cycle inter-modal journeys at facilities to be built or enhanced, and rail and other services to be provided, as a result of the passing of the Bill.
13. Your Petitioners object to the Bill because it does not contain any or any appropriate provisions to safeguard the interests of cyclists who now use or may use the



railways and associated works which are affected by or may be altered or constructed under the powers conferred by the Bill.

14. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, clauses 1, 2 and 3, and Schedules 1, 2 and 3, so far affecting your Petitioners, should not be allowed to pass into law.
15. There are other clauses and provisions in the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand, will prejudicially affect your Petitioners and their rights and interests and the rights and interests of those they and the Club of which they are directors seek to represent are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for the reasons amongst others hereinafter appearing.

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 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 Petitioners in the premises as your Honourable House shall deem meet.

And YOUR PETITIONERS will ever pray, &c.

