

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2004-2005

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 DYSTOPIA 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 "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 promoted by Mr Secretary Darling supported by The Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Secretary Tessa Jowell, Mr Peter Hain and Mr Tony McNulty. The Preamble to the Bill recites that its purpose 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 Abbey Wood, in the London Borough of Greenwich; and for connected purposes.
3. The Bill anticipates that 58 Davies Street, a Grade II Listed Building, will be required for compulsory purchase, or if not the property, the subsoil or under-surface or a right to use the property. The Bill Anticipates that the subsoil may be required under 1-8 Davies Mews.
4. Your Petitioner is the Leaseholder of 16 and 18 Balderton Street, Mayfair, London, W1 in the City of Westminster.
5. Your Petitioner and its rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioner objects for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
6. Your Petitioner, Dystopia Limited holds two leases on the entire building at 16 Balderton Street and part 18 Balderton Street. The properties inter-communicate, at basement and first floor levels. The premises are utilised as a School of Dance.
7. The premises are located in Mayfair, close to Oxford Street and Selfridges department store. The business trades as Dance Works and is unique in Mayfair as being the only dedicated School of Dance.
8. Your Petitioner objects to the noise, vibration and settlement that will result during the construction works beneath and close to the property.
9. Your Petition also objects to the inadequate depth of the tunnels beneath ground level.

10. Your Petitioner also objects to the noise and vibration that will result in the property from the running of trains on the completed Crossrail link.
11. Your Petitioner also objects because the Bill provides for inadequate compensation.
12. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, clauses, so far affecting your Petitioners, should not be allowed to pass into law.
13. There are other clauses and provisions of the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand will prejudicially affect your Petitioners and their rights, interests and property and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioners.
14. The Preamble to the Bill, in so far as it relates to the matters aforesaid, is untrue and incapable of proof.

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 Petitioner 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.