

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 Mehmud Patel

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. Your Petitioner is an owner and tenant of 82-90 Mile End Road, London E1 4UN in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, which the bill may directly and specially affect.
4. Your Petitioner and his rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the bill, to which you Petitioner objects for reasons amongst others hereinafter appearing.
5. Your Petitioner objects to Clause 1. The construction of the tunnels will restrict and greatly increase the cost of future development on our land.
6. Your Petitioner further objects to Clause 50. The provisions in the bill for compensation are unfair, as they do not consider the reduced development potential on our lands by the prevention of any further loads being placed on the tunnels below. Further, they do not consider the additional cost that will be incurred in any future developments by the requirement not to pile over the tunnels and to construct raft foundations.
7. The land was purchased in the knowledge of its long-term residential development potential. It is suitable for and located in an area where there is high demand for residential accommodation. Crossrail engineers advise us that we

cannot increase the loads on our land as it may affect the tunnels below; and any development would have to be designed with very expensive foundations to spread the building loads.

8. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioner respectfully submits that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above it should not be allowed to pass into law.
9. There are other clauses and provisions of the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand will prejudicially affect your Petitioner and his rights, interests and property and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioner.

YOUR PETITIONER therefore humbly prays your Honourable House that the Bill may not be allowed to pass into law as it now stands and that he may be heard by his 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 his protection, or that such other relief may be given to your Petitioner in the premises as your Honourable House shall deem meet.

AND your Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

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