

IN PARLIAMENT  
HOUSE OF COMMONS  
SESSION 2005-06

PETITION

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 the Governors of St Edward’s Church of England Comprehensive School, Romford

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 Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Secretary Tessa Jowell, Mr Peter Hain and Tony McNulty.

Your Petitioner to objects Clause 1 and Schedule 1 – Scheduled Works, specifically Work No. 2/13, Work No. 2/13A, Work No. 2/13B, Work No. 2/13C and Work No. 2/13D

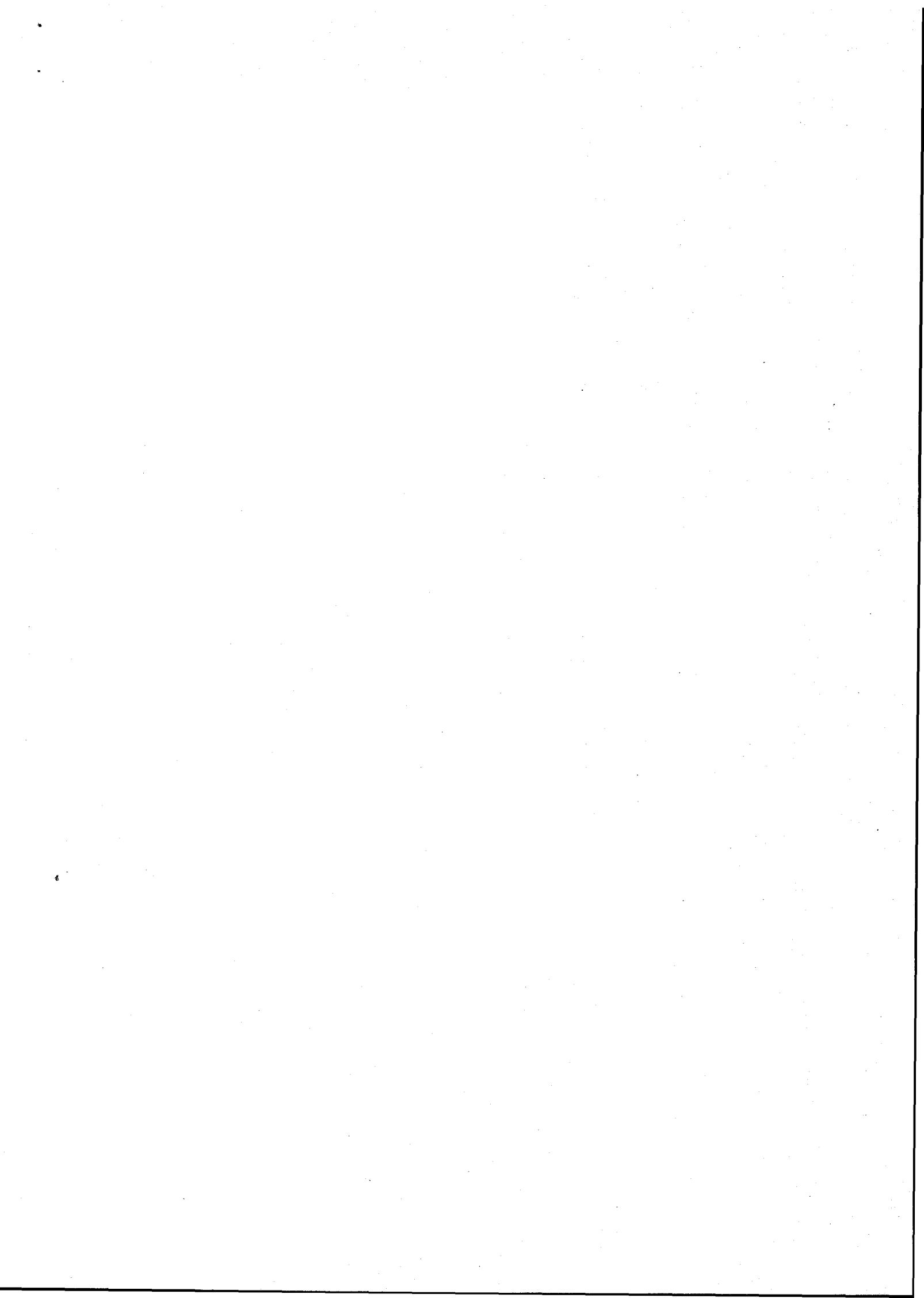
3. Your Petitioners are the Governors of St Edward’s Church of England Comprehensive School, founded in 1710. The School is a State Secondary school funded by the Department for Education and Skills via the Local Education Authority of the London Borough of Havering, which provides education for children between the ages of 11 and 18.
4. 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.
5. Your Petitioners object to Schedule 1 – Scheduled Works, Works Numbers 2/13, 2/13A, 2/13B, 2/13C and 2/13D as it will require the temporary loss for almost 5 years of at least 6 pitches, a cricket square, a training grid situated at Westlands Playing Fields, to facilitate the provision of a worksite for the construction of the

additional line/dive-under to the proposed new Crossrail Depot in Romford. Westlands Playing Fields are adjacent to the School and are provided by the London Borough of Havering to local schools including St Edward's Church of England Comprehensive School who do not own their own playing fields. These facilities are extensively used by the School for a variety of sports including rugby, cricket, football and athletics.

6. Your Petitioners also object to Schedule 1 – Scheduled Works, Works Numbers 2/13, 2/13A, 2/13B, 2/13C and 2/13D as it will require the subsequent permanent loss of at least 3 pitches at the aforementioned Westlands Playing Fields due to the additional rail lines and dive under.
7. Your Petitioners object to Schedule 1 – Scheduled Works, Works Numbers 2/13, 2/13A, 2/13B, 2/13C and 2/13D as it will require a construction site on Westlands Playing Fields, as it will overlap onto the Schools playground taking approximately 50% of a new playground area only constructed in 2004. Besides being used as a playground this area doubles as a “sports area” and is used extensively for hockey, netball and basketball.
8. Your Petitioners also object to the close proximity of the proposed worksite as it is extremely close to a School building housing 13 classrooms, 4 laboratories and two drama studios, It is considered that noise, dust and general working at this proposed worksite will have a disturbing and detrimental effect on the ability of the pupils to concentrate during lessons.
9. Your Petitioners object to Schedule 1 – Scheduled Works, Works Numbers 2/13, 2/13A, 2/13B, 2/13C and 2/13D as it will require the construction of a haul road across Westlands Playing Fields due to visual impact and inappropriate intrusion into the Green Belt.
10. Your Petitioners also object to the impact of construction lorry traffic in the immediate area around the School. The School has a very wide catchment area with many pupils travelling from the eastern Boroughs of London. It is considered that the predicted volume of construction traffic will have a detrimental effect on the already crowded local road network
11. Your Petitioners object to the long term impact of noise, dust and general disruption of the additional trains using the main line and lines to the proposed depot.

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 such of the clauses and provisions of the Bill as effect; 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.

AND your Petitioners will pray, &c.



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