

IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE OF COMMONS SESSION 2013-14

High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill

Against the Bill - on Merits - Praying to be heard by counsel, etc.

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

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF

SHEWETH as follows:

1. A Bill (hereinafter referred to as “the Bill”) has been introduced and is now pending in your honourable House entitled “A Bill to make provision for a railway between Euston in London and a junction with the West Coast Main Line at Handsacre in Staffordshire, with a spur from Old Oak Common in the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham to a junction with the Channel Tunnel Rail Link at York Way in the London Borough of Islington and a spur from Water Orton in Warwickshire to Curzon Street in Birmingham; and for connected purposes.”

2. The Bill
is presented by Secretary Patrick McLoughlin supported by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Theresa May, Secretary Vince Cable, Secretary Iain Duncan Smith, Secretary Eric Pickles, Secretary Owen Paterson, Secretary Edward Davey, Mr Robert Goodwill.

3. Clauses 1 to 36 set out the Bill’s objectives in relation to the construction and operation of the railway mentioned in paragraph 1 above. They include provision for compulsory acquisition, the extinction and exclusion of rights over land, the temporary possession and use of land, planning permission and deregulation in connection with, inter alia, heritage and environmental matters. Clauses 37 to 52 deal with railway matters, nominated and statutory undertakers, regeneration and reinstatement and further high speed rail works. Clauses 53 to 65 contain miscellaneous and general provisions.

4. The
nominated undertaker (defined in the Bill and hereinafter referred to as “the nominated undertaker”) is authorised by the Bill to construct and maintain the works specified in Schedule 1 to the Bill being works for the construction of Phase One of High Speed 2 and works consequent on or incidental to such works. These works are called “the scheduled works”.

5. Andrew Band (hereinafter referred to as “the Petitioner”) lives at 6, Bridleways, Wendover, Buckinghamshire, HP22 6DN

He has lived in Wendover for 19 years.

He is 49 years of age.

The Bill would authorise the construction and operation of the railway through and near Wendover. The proposed line would run within 300 metres of Petitioner’s property.

6. Petitioner and his interests are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which Petitioner objects for reasons, amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

7. Petitioner’s property is shown in the Zone of Theoretical Visibility in ES 3.5.1.7.2., and in maps CT-01-20, CT-03-20 , CT-05-39, LV-11-20.

8. Petitioner has been the recipient of letters and information in the post from HS2 Ltd, which indicate that it considers that he is affected by the Bill.

9. Objection is taken to the mitigation measures to overcome the effects of both the construction and operation of the scheduled works proposed to be undertaken in the vicinity of the north of Wendover.

10. Petitioner’s main objective is to persuade your Honourable House of the need to mitigate the detrimental impact of the construction traffic on the environment and local economy of Wendover.

11. Reference EIS Report Vol 3 (Route Wide Effects); Section 13, Appendix EC-005- 002, Map CT-10-021a. Substantial heavy load traffic will be required for:

- Excavation & Grading
- Spoil Removal
- Importation of Construction materials (including provision of batching plants for concrete)
- Transportation of Concrete
- Labour
- Materials & provisions supply

Limited demonstration has been provided to show mitigation for the current proposed "green" tunnel solution.

12. Petitioner maintains that the additional traffic as a result of the development will have a significant impact on existing peak traffic flows, safety, emissions and wear and tare of roads as well as significant increased noise emissions, in the local environs to Wendover.

13. Notwithstanding requests to amend the cut and cover ("Green") tunnel scheme to a fully bored scheme which in the view of the Petitioner will mitigate the impacts of impacts described in 11. above, Petitioner calls upon the Honourable House to require the Nominated Undertaker to amend the scheme as proposed and to require the consideration and implementation of the following mitigation measures:

- i) Ensure transportation of surplus spoil and imporation of concrete and materials is effected by constructing temporary railhead to link into rail network North of Aylesbury (including refurbishment/ reinstatement of links to Milton Keynes (WCML), thereby freeing up traffic movements up A413 / A41;
- ii) Provide a detailed traffic management plan in local Wendover / Aylesbury environ;
- iii) Re-surface the A413 Wendover by-pass with "quiet Tarmac" to provide suitable and robust and quiet operating surface (and re-condition post construction);
- iv) Require the strict noise limitation (including provision of continuous monitoring thereof) to agreed limits by local authorities for all construction traffic including the prohibition of reversing horns and imposition of a requirement of local construction traffic marshalling, as well as prohibition of evening and night time working.
- v) Limitation of access (and hence traffic) to construction sites for construction workers by provision of park and ride (including provision of dedicated worker trains using existing Metropolitan/ Chiltern railways).
- v) Provision of funding to cover all reasonable costs incurred by Local Authority to maintain continuous traffic management monitoring, environmental and noise measurement during the full period of construction and commissioning of the scheme.

YOUR PETITIONER therefore 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 Counsel, Agent and witnesses in support of the allegations of this Petition against such of the clauses and provisions of the Bill as affect the rights and interests of your Petitioner and in support of such other clauses, amendments or 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 may deem meet.

AND your Petitioner will ever pray, etc.

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