

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013-14

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) 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 John Richard Fausset-Baker and Fiona Mary Fausset-Baker

SHEWETH as follows:-

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 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.”

1. The Bill is presented by Mr Secretary 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, and Mr Robert Goodwill.
2. 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 the construction of works, highways and road traffic matters, the compulsory acquisition of land and other provisions relating to the use of land, planning permission, heritage issues, trees and noise. They include clauses which would disapply and modify various enactments relating to special categories of land including burial grounds, consecrated land, commons and open spaces, and other matters, including overhead lines, water, building regulations and party walls, street works and the use of lorries.
3. Clauses 37 to 42 of the Bill deal with the regulatory regime for the railway.
4. Clauses 43 to 65 of the Bill set out a number of miscellaneous and general provisions, including provision for the appointment of a nominated undertaker (“the Nominated Undertaker”) to exercise the powers under the Bill, transfer schemes, provisions relating to statutory undertakers and the Crown, provision about the compulsory acquisition of land for regeneration, reinstatement works and provision about further high speed railway works. Provision is also made about the application of Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.
5. The works proposed to be authorised by the Bill (“the Authorised Works”) are specified in clauses 1 and 2 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Bill. They consist of scheduled works, which are described in Schedule 1 to the Bill and other works, which are described in clause 2 of the Bill.
6. Your Petitioner is the freehold owner occupier of 14, Lappetts Lane, South Heath, Great

Missenden HP16 0RA (“your petitioner’s property”).

7. Your Petitioners rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
8. Your Petitioner uses the Frith Hill, Kings Lane and the Chesham road B465 multiple times per day when commuting to work/to drop children off at school/to access local services including shops, health services, station and the post office. Therefore closure of these roads will result in severe delays, and increase the time and cost taken for your Petitioner to get to work, take children to school, access shops, attend medical appointments and provide care and support for family members for up to 2 years (Frith Hill) and also the re-alignment of Chesham road B485 and Kings Lane for up to 7 years
9. Your Petitioner uses the Frith Hill, Kings Lane and the Chesham road B465 multiple times per day when commuting to work/to drop children off at school/to access local services including shops, health services and the post office. Therefore use of these roads by construction vehicles will increase delays, and increase the time and cost taken for your petitioner to get to work, take children to school, access shops, attend medical appointments} for up to 7 years.
10. Your Petitioner objects to the high speed train causing excessive noise, dust and light pollution destroying the peace and tranquillity of the South Heath area and the Chilterns AONB.
11. Your Petitioner proposes that a fully bored tunnel under the Chilterns AONB would remove most, if not all, construction traffic from the South Heath village roads and no road diversions and/or closures would be required.
12. If the Extended Chiltern Tunnel to the end of the AONB is not granted then your petitioner proposes that the alternative Extended Chiltern Tunnel to Liberty Lane near Leather Lane is built in place of the above ground construction described in the Hybrid Bill and Environmental Statement.
13. Your Petitioner requests that an alternative temporary construction route is made to access the trace such that South Heath village roads are not used at anytime by construction traffic.
14. Your Petitioner requests that South Heath Village roads are not used by construction traffic including HGVs during the hours of 07-10 and 15-19 in order to minimise the negative impacts of construction routes on free access to and from South Heath. A hotline should be set up allowing your petitioner to report infringement of the restricted hours detailed above.
15. 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.

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 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 ever pray, &c.

Signed

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