

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 Councillor Freda Roberts MBE JP
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 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 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.
- 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 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.
- 4 Clauses 37 to 42 of the Bill deal with the regulatory regime for the railway.
- 5 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.

- 6 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.
- 7 Your petitioner is the freehold owner and occupier of 44 Blenheim Place Aylesbury HP21 8AQ (“your petitioner’s property”). Your petitioner’s property is within 40 metres of the existing railway freight and passenger line to Aylesbury and to the Calvert IMD and Land Fill the limits of land to be changed as shown on the plans deposited with the Bill, and the property is therefore liable to noise, dust impacts during construction and operations under the Bill. Your petitioner’s property is adjacent to the existing rail route which will carry more trains each day during construction. Your petitioner’s property is also in direct alignment to the HS2 construction sites and construction route proposed to be used under the Bill. Therefore your petitioner’s residential property will be subject to intolerable noise, emissions and dust for at least 3 years. The Environmental Statement accompanying the Bill has not stated the levels of noise, dust impacts the property and your Petitioner will be affected by. Your petitioner will be impacted by additional construction congestion each day going into and out of Aylesbury.
- 8 Your Petitioner her rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
- 9 Your petitioner is gravely concerned about the impact of the proposed working site and construction route at the front of the property and adjacent to their property close to the streets your petitioner regularly uses for up to 36 months according to the Environmental Statement. Your petitioner anticipates that the property will be surrounded by intolerable construction traffic and worker activity, and seriously affected by noise including night time noise and dust. All of this will significantly reduce the quality of life for your petitioner and reduce the enjoyment for people in Blenheim Place including your petitioner.

Your petitioner requests that the HS2 Route 3 alignment is moved because it is so close to the Southcourt Ward your petitioner is the Aylesbury Vale District Council Councillor for. The HS2 Route 3 is unsuitable to be so close

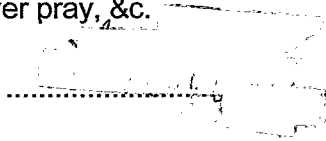
to the west of Aylesbury. The best means available for minimising noise and dust both during construction and operation is to relocate the route away from Aylesbury. Furthermore, your petitioner requests that noise, dust and emissions monitoring equipment is installed in Blenheim Place for the duration of construction, and a monitoring programme agreed with the Aylesbury Vale District Council local authority is undertaken and traffic flow monitoring is installed in cooperation with both the District Council and the Buckinghamshire County Council. If monitoring shows that any of the agreed thresholds are exceeded, works should stop immediately. Your petition requests the specific measure of noise mitigation should be installed in the property, or the Nominated Undertaker should arrange nearby temporary accommodation.

- 10 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.

Signature of Petitioner



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